

In Memory of Kamloops Residential School Victims

With broken hearts we mourn the 215+ children found at the former Kamloops Residential School. We know that the pain inflicted by these schools has impacted families and communities with a legacy that continues today.

Now, more than ever it is imperative for all of us to continue to educate ourselves about the residential school legacy in Canada. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action can be a starting point in recognizing the individual and systemic issues that are ongoing as a result of these institutions. Residential schools were intended to destroy family ties, and as a result, many children were taken to schools far from their home communities and never returned home.

Our thoughts are with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc families and community. The Kamloops Residential School had a catchment that extended into our Robson Valley district area. Other children from the Prince George region may have attended there as well. Our thoughts and support go out to each and every person impacted in other communities across Canada. We are deeply saddened by this devastating loss.

For support, please connect with the Residential School Crisis Line at 1-866-925-4419

For additional resources and to learn more:

<http://www.trc.ca>

http://trc.ca/assets/pdf/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf

<https://nctr.ca>

<https://nctr.ca/education/>

<http://www.fnesc.ca/irsr/>

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