

Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

On 27 May 2021, the remains of 215 Indigenous children were found on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in Tk'emlups te Secwépemc First Nation near Kamloops, British Columbia. These children should never have been taken from their families.

The Canadian government is responsible for discriminatory colonial policies and practices like residential schools, and Canada must take responsibility for ending human rights abuses against Indigenous peoples now.

I call on you to take the following actions without delay:

- Investigate and prosecute those responsible for the deaths of Indigenous children at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School and other former residential and day schools;
- Where requested by affected communities, fully fund examinations of burial grounds at other former residential and day schools and ensure that Indigenous peoples control access to sites according to their own laws and customs;
- Continue urging the Catholic Church to release all records and photos related to residential schools, and again seek an apology and reparations for survivors and their families;
- Implement the calls in the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada's Spirit Bear Plan, including stopping litigation of First Nations children;
- Fully fund mental health and other services to support Indigenous peoples in dealing with traumas caused by colonial policies and practices, in accordance with their wishes; and
- Implement the 94 calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

There must be justice and accountability for the harms that First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples in Canada experience.

Sincerely,