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Statements

Statement from the BCFED on the confirmation of mass grave of children at the site of the Kamloops Indian Residential School

We are heartbroken and horrified at the confirmation of a mass grave of 215 children at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Territory.

We wish to share our deepest condolences with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, and all the families impacted by the genocidal legacy of the Residential School System. Today we are shocked and saddened, and we mourn with you.

When called upon to do so, the BCFED is committed to continue educating BC's labour movement on the effects of the Residential School System and acting in solidarity with survivors and their loved ones, and the loved ones of the children who never made it home.

We must never allow another atrocity like this to happen, and we must do our part to help the healing and recognition take place.

We would like to invite union members and the general public to donate to the Indian Residential School Survivors Society of BC: https://www.irsss.ca/donate.

The National Indian Residential School Crisis Line has been set up to provide 24/7 support to residential school survivors and others who are affected. Call: 1 (866) 925-4419.