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THE NLTA HONOURS THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

St. John's...The Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association (NLTA) is honouring today, the inaugural National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and joining with school communities, and the province as a whole, to reflect on the tragic legacy of the residential school system in Canada, and remember the children who survived and those that did not.

On the heels of a federal election, the NLTA is joining with its national colleagues at the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF/FCE) in urging the next federal government to develop and implement an action plan to locate the unmarked graves of missing Indigenous children at every former residential school in Canada as called for by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The NLTA also echoes the CTF/FCE call for the federal government to formally apologize to the Indigenous peoples of Canada.

A central part of reconciliation is education for all Canadian children and youth, which is why the authentic histories and stories of and by Indigenous peoples must become part of curriculum across the country.

For more information and links to teaching resources, please visit www.nlta.nl.ca/home.

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