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RESEARCH NEEDED ON SASK RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL GROUNDS

(Treaty 6 Territory, Saskatoon SK) – The Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) Executive sends prayers to the families and communities affected by the discovery of the remains of 215 children, buried on the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on the Tk’emlups te Secwépemc First Nation in B.C.

“Our prayers are with Chief Rosanne Casimir and the families who will finally have some closure and healing following this unthinkable loss” says FSIN Vice Chief Heather Bear. “As a mother and grandmother, I know the families affected by the loss of all of these precious angels will find some peace in knowing that they can finally be returned home and given the proper burial they deserve.”

“The loss of one child is unimaginable. The loss of 215 children found on the grounds of a residential school is a national tragedy” says FSIN Chief Bobby Cameron. “There are hundreds of children here in Saskatchewan that also did not return home from residential schools and sanitoriums across the province. It is time that Governments follow through with their words of reconciliation and give these families the closure they deserve. We are calling for collaborative work with our Elders, knowledge keepers, historians and Government to begin immediate research on undocumented deaths and burials and bring home the hundreds of missing children unaccounted for following the forced attendance at residential schools in Saskatchewan.”

The Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations represents 74 First Nations in Saskatchewan. The Federation is committed to honouring the spirit and intent of the Treaties, as well as the promotion, protection and implementation of the Treaty promises that were made more than a century ago.

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