



## *In Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples*

As we have all had time to reflect on the news from the former Tk'emlúps Indian Residential School in Kamloops, we would like to take the time to recognize our members that support the Indigenous communities in which these atrocities occurred.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to all Indigenous communities and families. We know this is one more devastating reality of colonialism that continues to harm them every day.

The K-12 Presidents Council Executive Board extend our deepest condolences to the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation. We stand in solidarity with Chief Rosanne Casimir and her community as it grieves.

We want to assure all that we stand in solidarity with those affected and we need to give our support to all CUPE members, particularly Indigenous members as they work to heal themselves and those that they support.

The Executive Board recognizes awareness is a journey that we all must undertake to honour and fulfill the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) [94 Calls to Action](#). Please take the time to discuss the Calls to Action and the truths contained in the TRC final report. A copy of the [Calls to Action](#) is attached, and the [complete TRC report is available online](#) from the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#).

CUPE's [Walking the talk: A practical guide to reconciliation for CUPE locals](#) is also available online with more helpful information on engaging in meaningful reconciliation. Please share these important resources with your membership so we can all do our part in reconciliation and to support Indigenous communities on their path to healing.

In Solidarity,  
Your K-12 Presidents Council



A National Indian Residential School Crisis Line is available to provide support for Residential School Survivors and those affected.

Emotional and crisis referral services are available by calling the 24-hour national crisis line at **1-866-925-4419**.

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