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Boozhoo Kina Wiiya,

The Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point are deeply saddened to hear of the of the two hundred and fifteen children discovered in a mass grave in Kamloops British Columbia. Flags within our community have been lowered to half mast and will remain at half mast for seven days to honour the little ones that may finally begin a proper journey home. On Monday all will be encouraged to wear orange in honour of the discovered children.

The Children were discovered in a mass grave at the site of a former Indian Residential School that closed in 1978 near the Tk'emlups Te secwepemc First Nation. Although this discovery is across the country from our community the loss is felt here as though it is the discovery of our own nieces and nephews.

In the dark history that Canada has with Indigenous people's when discoveries like this bring the truth of the atrocities that were committed to the main stream media Canada pays attention for a brief moment. The families have been waiting and suffering for decades unnoticed by the masses deserve the full attention of the country. The inter-generational traumas and legacies that have been left are unbearable to many and are overlooked by Canada for the largest part. These children deserved better.

Our hearts go out to the Tk'emlups Te secwepemc People and the families that have shed tears for decades for these little ones. We pray that the families may now have peace and closure and that the little spirits that were lost so many years ago may now be at peace as well.

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