

June 11th 2021

The Honorable Anthony Rota MP Nipissing- Temiskaming, Speaker of House of Commons.

Dear Anthony Rota,

I am writing you on behalf of your constituents that are members of Unit 2018 USW Local 1976 in the Nipissing Timiskaming riding, regarding the recent discovery of the remains of 215 children at the residential school in Kamloops BC.

At our recent Unit General Membership Meeting we passed a motion to call on the Government of Canada to take immediate action and investigate the sites of every residential school in Canada for remains. Furthermore, we call on the Government to identify and provide proper burial and commemoration ceremonies to every set of remains found. We also call on the Government to take meaningful steps to support survivors of the Indian residential school program as well as the families of those who unfortunately did not survive. The above-mentioned initiatives should be taken following the lead of Indigenous people connected to each school.

We call on you as the MP representing the constituents of Nipissing- Temiskaming to have this letter read aloud in the house of commons and to directly deliver this to The Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of indigenous Services of Canada.

Sincerely,

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