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The Kativik Regional Government calls on Indigenous People to stand strong in the wake of chilling discovery of more unmarked graves of native children

Kuujuuaq, Québec, June 30, 2021 – On the eve of Canada Day, the Kativik Regional Government stands in solidarity with indigenous people across the country in inviting Canadians to reflect on their history in the wake of the recent horrible discovery of hundreds of unmarked native children graves on the sites of three former residential schools.

The KRG sends its heart-felt condolences to the Ktunaxa Nation in British Columbia where 182 unmarked graves were discovered today at St Eugene's Mission School near Cranbrook, B.C. The KRG also expresses sympathy to the other native communities that experienced similar shocking discoveries such as the Cowessess First Nation that was traumatized by the discovery last week of 751 unmarked indigenous children graves at Marieval Indian Residential School in Saskatchewan. This horrible event followed on the heels of another gruesome discovery of 215 indigenous children remains at Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia.

"There is nothing to indicate that other grim discoveries similar to these will not take place in other parts of the country. We must stand strong with all indigenous people in denouncing the mistreatment of our children and demand accountability and justice from the Canadian Government," said Jennifer Munick, Chairperson of the Kativik Regional Government.

The KRG is urging the provinces and federal government to do everything possible so that all the facts are disclosed regarding the painful discovery of the unmarked graves and possibly others that may exist elsewhere.

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