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Statement from First Nations University of Canada about the Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

June 2, 2015 - Today's release of The Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on the experiences of those who attended residential schools will bring long overdue recognition of the terrible injustices inflicted on Indigenous children and their families in the past, and of the lingering effects of those injustices, which pervade every imaginable aspect of the lives of Indigenous people today. First Nations University of Canada (FNUniv) welcomes the release of this report, and acknowledges the courage of survivors in telling their stories.

As Justice Sinclair has expressed, universities can and should play a leading role in the healing process. Only through education and informed dialogue can the legacy of generations of abuse and mistrust be replaced with mutual respect and understanding. With its long history as one of Canada's only fully Indigenous post-secondary institutions, FNUniv is uniquely positioned to contribute to the creation of a new cultural paradigm in this country. For nearly 40 years, our mission has been to promote and preserve Indigenous culture, languages and history. We pledge our ongoing support to the work of sharing Indigenous knowledge with people of all backgrounds as part of the effort to chart a new path for lasting reconciliation.