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Community Statement Release From the Returning Home Society

MEDIA EMBARGO UNTIL JUNE 12, 2025 - We are asking the media to refrain from contacting community members until an official press release is published.

In Respectful Memory and Loving Honor of the Children and Survivors of the Beauval Indian Residential School

With full hearts and solemn spirits, we, the Returning Home Society, descendants of the children who once attended the former Beauval Indian Residential School, share the findings of the 2024 Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) search.

Under the guidance and expertise of Askihk Research Services, an Indigenous-led organization, 60 areas of interest for potential burial sites have been identified on the grounds of the former school. These findings, while deeply painful, confirm the truths whispered through generations, truths long known in our hearts and stories.

Our team received this news in sacred gathering, surrounded by the wisdom of our Elders, the guidance of our Advisory Committee, and the compassionate presence of leadership and mental health supports. Together, we felt a wave of grief, heartache, and profound sorrow, a collective mourning rooted in centuries of silence, survival, and strength.

This is not just our loss, it is a shared sorrow that touches every heart in our communities.

These revelations mark a sacred step in our journey toward truth, healing, and unity.

Guided by the Creator's laws, our cultural teachings, and the spiritual strength of our ancestors, we commit to walking forward together. We are not alone. We have each other.



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In the spirit of care and healing, we are beginning the work of creating wellness and support workshops across our communities. These spaces will offer pathways to process, reconnect, and renew, spiritually, emotionally, and culturally.

We understand this news may reopen wounds and bring forth painful memories. Please know that support is available. We encourage anyone in need to reach out to local health services or traditional helpers. The land itself offers healing, our ancestors always found peace and strength in the embrace of the natural world.

Our prayers are with each survivor, each family, and every soul affected by the legacy of the Beauval Indian Residential School. We hold you in our hearts with love, compassion, and unwavering solidarity.

We are in this together. With love, hope, and deep understanding, we will carry each other forward. A brighter future awaits, one rooted in truth, nurtured by healing, and embraced with unity.

With all our hearts,

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