

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: September 29, 2023
Regarding: **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

Saturday September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a solemn day of reflection and remembrance.

The day honours the children who never returned home and the survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities.

Public commemoration of this tragic and painful history, and the ongoing impact of the residential school system, is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

ETFO supports the 94 calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg, Attawandaron, Haudenosaunee, and Luaapeewak, peoples, who have longstanding relationships to the land in the region of southwestern Ontario and the City of London. The local indigenous communities of this area include the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, the Munsee Delaware Nation, and the Oneida Nation of the Thames. We also acknowledge the members of Metis Nation, and the urban indigenous communities in this district.

For more information regarding this *Communiqué* please contact the Local office by phone at 519-474-3150, or by email at etfotvtl@etfothamesvalley.com

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“The collective agreement is the rule book, not a guidebook.”