

September 23, 2021

Dear Mission Public School Community Members:

On September 30, 2021, Canada will recognize its first formal National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The new statutory holiday commemorates the legacy and impact of Residential Schools in Canada. We acknowledge that the week will be hard for many members of Indigenous communities, especially as we are becoming aware of the many difficult truths revealed in Residential schools across Canada. In recognition of what this week means, we will be lowering our flags to half-mast from September 27 to September 30, 2021, as will other Districts across the Fraser Valley.

Our schools will have activities to commemorate September 30th during the week. As many of you may be aware, while September 30th is a holiday and schools will be closed, we will be co-hosting a ceremony at Fraser River Heritage Park beginning at 10:45 am, and we are honoured to have Phyllis Webstad in attendance. Everyone is welcome.

We also encourage our entire community to wear orange on September 30th in recognition of the day, and the resilience and resistance of Indigenous communities. We are thankful for the strong relationships within our district and will continue to do our part in our journey towards truth and reconciliation.

Sincerely yours,



Tracy Loffler
Chair, Board of Education



Angus Wilson
Superintendent of Schools