

## Response to new K-6 Curriculum released by the Alberta Government 2021

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To.....

What young people learn in school helps them understand who they are and how they connect to others. The new K-6 Alberta curriculum is in direct violation of a promise Alberta made on March 27, 2014, at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) event in Edmonton That promise included:

1. Mandatory content for all Alberta students on residential schools and treaties,
2. Kindergarten to Grade 12 curriculum development standards and
3. Support for professional learning opportunities for teachers.

Murray Sinclair, Chairman of the TRC, stated that "Education is what got us here and education is what will get us out."

Schools have such an important role to play in reconciliation with the Indigenous people of Alberta. It is through age appropriate curriculum that students are given the tools and knowledge to understand our collective history and current identity. Understanding Indigenous culture, Residential Schools, the history of treaties and how Indigenous people were mistreated and continue to be mis-understood must be included in all grade levels. This knowledge will build the foundation for future relationships.

I call upon you to maintain a strong and transparent commitment to Aboriginal Education. From TRC calls to action #62 and #63 in the new Curriculum. Issues must include: developing and implementing Indigenous curriculum for all students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, learning resources on Aboriginal peoples in Canadian history, and the history and legacy of residential schools.

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