



NICOLA-SIMILKAMEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good morning,

It is with heavy hearts that we need to apologize, as flags were not lowered to half-mast at our schools for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We unequivocally apologize and make no excuses.

The failure to lower the flags to half-mast is unacceptable. To ensure that this does not happen again, operations will send out instructions to schools, and then the senior administration will visually follow up to see if the flags have been lowered.

We hope that this incident does not diminish the impact of the events held by our schools and planned by administration, teachers, students, and Indigenous Student Advocates to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The journey to Truth and Reconciliation is a long one. Unfortunately, the journey may involve missteps. Nicola-Similkameen School District remains committed to this path. Once again, we extend our most sincere apologies."

Sincerely,

Courtney Lawrance
Superintendent of Schools

Gordon Swan
Chair, Board of Education