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Dear Mayor Courtoreille,

Thank you for your letter pertaining to the requirement for education of Indigenous history in Canada.

The discovery of these unmarked graves is beyond horrific. The deep sorrow many are feeling at the moment is one that I cannot begin to imagine.

I agree that immediate action must be taken under the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action 71 through 76. Action must be taken to ensure that all former residential school sites are investigated. In addition to this, proper resources must be assigned to Indigenous communities to honour and commemorate those individuals who attended residential schools. Schools must also implement new curriculums that educate Canadians on the dark history of residential schools in Canada.

The road to reconciliation is a long one but is a path we must travel in order to lead us to a Canada we all can be proud of.

Thank you for your correspondence.

Sincerely,

Bob Zimmer
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