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## **Black Opportunity Fund: Statement regarding Kamloops Residential School**

Black Opportunity Fund grieves and stands in solidarity with our Indigenous brothers and sisters of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous communities.

The confirmation of mass graves of 215 Indigenous children at the site of a former residential school in Kamloops, BC is a horrific reminder of the genocidal intent of the residential school system, the scars of which are having ramifications for Indigenous communities in all aspects of our society today.

Black Opportunity Fund champions equity and justice for all. We understand that racism and inequality remain pervasive today. We must work together to overcome oppression, including through implementation of all the recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry and the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, the time for which is long overdue.

The wounds and legacy of residential schools, the inequities and injustices faced by Indigenous peoples in the past and carried into today, call on us to do better. To our Indigenous brothers and sisters, we see you, we hear you, and we support you.

The time for change is now.  
#215Indigenouschildren