



St. Clair Catholic
District School Board



Enclosure 8

Truth and Reconciliation Weeks and The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Prepared by: **Lisa Demers, Superintendent of Education**

Date: **September 28, 2021**

Background

(Truth and Reconciliation Week is recognized from September 27 through October 1, 2021. This includes the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, also known as Orange Shirt Day. The acknowledgement of this week provides an opportunity for schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. St. Clair Catholic has a history of acknowledging Orange Shirt Day, acting on the Calls to Action outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report and deepening relationships with Indigenous partners.

Commencing on September 21 and all the way through to October 1, we are hosting virtual sessions for classrooms, staff, parents, and community to engage and learn firsthand from survivors and family members of survivors. Classrooms are also participating in virtual sessions hosted by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation throughout the week. Additionally, all schools are encouraged to have a moment of silence on September 30 and to show support of Indigenous people by wearing orange.

Our Indigenous Education Lead will showcase the Indigenous Education website and some of the speakers providing virtual learning sessions to the Board of Trustees.

Recommendations

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Truth and Reconciliation Weeks and The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*, for information.