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Statement from MSIFN Chief and Council on the findings at Cowessess First Nation

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SGUGOG - This newest discovery at Cowessess First Nation in Saskatchewan will not be the last of its kind. This is a time for the government and the Church to acknowledge the truth about their contributions to these findings. A formal apology is the very least they can offer – but more importantly, a true admission of guilt and public acknowledgement about their role in the creation of and participation in Residential Schools.

Further, there exists a formula for the government to follow to enact real change – this formula, of course, is in the form of 94 calls-to-action delineated in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Prioritize fulfilling these promises.

The impact of the Residential School Era is felt powerfully and currently by our community, and each new discovery opens a new wound in need of healing.

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