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BLUE QUILLS



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In the last 24 hours there have been posts on social media claiming:

- Blue Quills 1100 student babies unaccounted
- 1100 babies found at Blue Quills

While we do not know the source of these claims or numbers, we can confirm that there have been no searches conducted as yet at Blue Quills, and no sites identified by ground penetrating radar.

We have only begun to plan for the search process. We will be working with our communities and will openly share these plans as they are confirmed. We will invite families to share their stories and be part of the decisions on how we proceed with the search and what we do with the findings.

Sadly, our people have been living with this grief for generations – the lost children of Indian Residential Schools, the unmarked burial sites, the unanswered questions. And the recent news reports confirming these graves at several former Indian Residential School sites has been disturbing – triggering these traumas, stirring the anger, creating confusion.

Thanks to the visionary ancestors who believed, who knew, that together over the generations we could transform this building that represents the trauma into a place of healing and learning for survivors and their descendants.

The best thing we can do right now is be there with and for each other, and through ceremony seek healing and balance. It is also important that we be cautious about sharing unconfirmed information that may create confusion.

Kindness, patience, and love will carry us through this.