PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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THE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED RESIDENTS OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK HUMBLY SHEWETH THAT

WHEREAS for six years the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada [TRC] listened to thousands of former students of residential schools and their families testify to the devastating legacy of this national policy of assimilation;

WHEREAS the TRC calls upon “the federal, provincial, and territorial governments, in consultation and collaboration with Survivors, Aboriginal peoples, and educators, to make age-appropriate curriculum on residential schools, Treaties, and Aboriginal peoples’ historical and contemporary contributions to Canada a mandatory education requirement for Kindergarten to Grade Twelve students” [CA 62.1], and;

WHEREAS on July 15, 2015, Canada’s premiers indicated their support for all 94 Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and said they would act on them in their own provinces and territories;

WHEREOF YOUR PETITIONERS HUMBLY PRAY THAT YOUR HONOURABLE HOUSE MAY BE PLEASED TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW BRUNSWICK TO FULLY IMPLEMENT SUCH A CURRICULUM FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12, AND AS IN DUTY BOUND YOUR PETITIONERS WILL EVER PRAY.

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