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The Graduate Students' Association (GSA) is heartbroken to learn of the horrendous tragedy of the discovery of a burial site with 215 children in the Kamloops Indian Residential School, B.C. The GSA mourns the passing of these children with the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc First Nation and sympathizes with the pain all Indigenous communities are going through right now. We would like to reiterate that our organization is against any form of oppression and injustice, and applaud the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc Language and Culture Department, and the Indigenous Knowledge Keepers who brought this injustice to light.

As a mark of respect, the GSA Executives will honor the lost children with a minute of silence at our next executive meeting.

The GSA Executives would also like to reiterate that:

- It is with continuous sadness we recognize that systemic racism, injustice, and oppression still exist in Canada, and affect individuals, families, and even children on a large scale.
- We wish to reiterate that oppression still manifests itself in different ways, whether at university, or in our communities, and it is our duty to ensure definite steps are taken to fight all forms of oppression and to ensure everyone is treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.
- GSA Executives will continue to ensure that organizational efforts are taken to educate ourselves and our communities, making sure that forums, workshops and other events are in place and readily available for everyone.
- We will continue to work towards finding better ways to challenge and change institutional oppression and injustice within our campus community, and advocate for improved guidelines, policies, and implement initiatives that contribute to an environment of inclusivity, fairness, equity, and diversity.

We will continue to educate ourselves and work in collaboration with the Canadian Federation of Students on a national scale and other student organizations to continue our fight against oppression and injustice. We also welcome our students to work with us in establishing initiatives that will break down the barriers of systematic oppression and injustice.

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