

*“Education is what got us here, and education is what will get us out”*

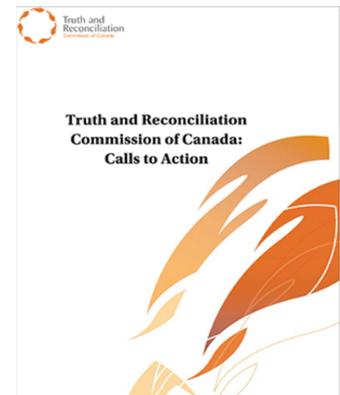
*-Justice Murray Sinclair*



*Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission*

## What Is Reconciliation?

Reconciliation is a topic which I have been examining very closely within my newly appointed role of TRC Administrator for SD52. As such, one of the conclusions I have come to is that reconciliation education encompasses many facets of Indigenous experience, not limited to the residential school legacy. Part of education for reconciliation is celebration of Indigenous resiliency, resistance to assimilation and colonization, and cultural resurgence and language revitalization. Below are some examples of resources that I hope will help to support reconciliation education for educators and students, and examples of two essential documents in pursuance of reconciliation in Canada.



Reconciliation Walk 2019



Pole Project CHSS



Lori Burger

TRC Administrator SD52

*The position of TRC Administrator, as well as reconciliation resources and training opportunities for SD 52 was made possible by a generous grant from Ridley Terminals with the approval of the School Board Trustees of SD52.*



The Blanket Exercise

---

*“Our colonial  
history  
encompasses  
much more than  
residential  
schooling”*

---

## Why Indigenous Education? A student’s perspective:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQDk-NBxLU>

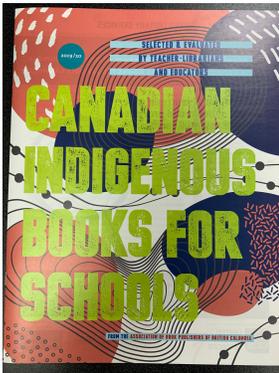
In the spirit of reconciliation, student, Duncan Ryans explains the impact that Indigenous education had on his life. After the opportunity of gaining perspective of the land he lived on, he began his journey to understanding.

-Jan Hare: UBC

## Shannon’s Dream:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Gy38grr35c>

Shannen Koostachin had a dream--that all First Nation children should be able to get an education in clean, "comfy" schools just as non-Native children. Shannen was one of the student leaders in the Attawapiskat School Campaign--a fight to get a grade school built for 400 children attending classes in portables on a contaminated brownfield. In her short life, 'Shannen's Dream' has inspired national interest to carry on the fight.



## Indigenous authors and resources: Association of Book Publishers of BC Indigenous Resource Catalogue:

[https://books.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/Indigenous2018\\_forWeb-singles.pdf](https://books.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/Indigenous2018_forWeb-singles.pdf)

This is a compilation of new resources that are authentically evaluated as Indigenous resources, complete with summaries of the resource, grade levels, curriculum connections and cautions for educators.

## Teacher Resource: Beyond 94 Interactive Web Resource and accompanying Teacher Resource Guide

<https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/longform-single/beyond-94?&cta=1>

[https://media.curio.ca/filer\\_public/78/64/7864c3fb-c4ec-4991-8e60-df3e754527cf/beyond94guide2e.pdf](https://media.curio.ca/filer_public/78/64/7864c3fb-c4ec-4991-8e60-df3e754527cf/beyond94guide2e.pdf)

This is a resource from CBC which can be used in conjunction with the media resource Indigenous Curio. This website monitors Canada’s progress in attending to the TRC’s 94 Calls to Action and has detailed and up to date information on current issues. Additionally, there is a PDF download of a Teacher Resource guide which can be used in connection with the web resource.

---

