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A statement on findings at former St. Mary's (Kenora) Indian Residential School grounds

Kenora, ON, January 19, 2023 – Wauzhushk Onigum Nation has announced that at least 171 anomalies (plausible burials) have been identified within cemetery grounds at the former St. Mary's (Kenora) Indian Residential School. This discovery reiterates the tragic and ongoing impact residential schools have had in our country, in our communities and in our hearts.

LWDH is committed to walking with Wauzhushk Onigum Nation on this journey and to ultimate truth and reconciliation in our region. You are not alone.

If you or someone you know need help coping with this horrific discovery, outpatient counselling is available - please call 467-3555 for an appointment. Walk-in counselling is also offered every Tuesday at St. Joseph Health Centre (2^{nd} Floor, 21 Wolsley Street) from 2 – 7 pm.

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