



**DURHAM CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
*Learning and Living in Faith*

## Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees  
From: Gerard Winn, Director of Education  
Date: September 23, 2024  
Subject: **Presentation:** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation  
Origin: Jessica Outram, Superintendent of Education

Please find attached a copy of the *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation* presentation.

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Attachment: Presentation

# National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30th

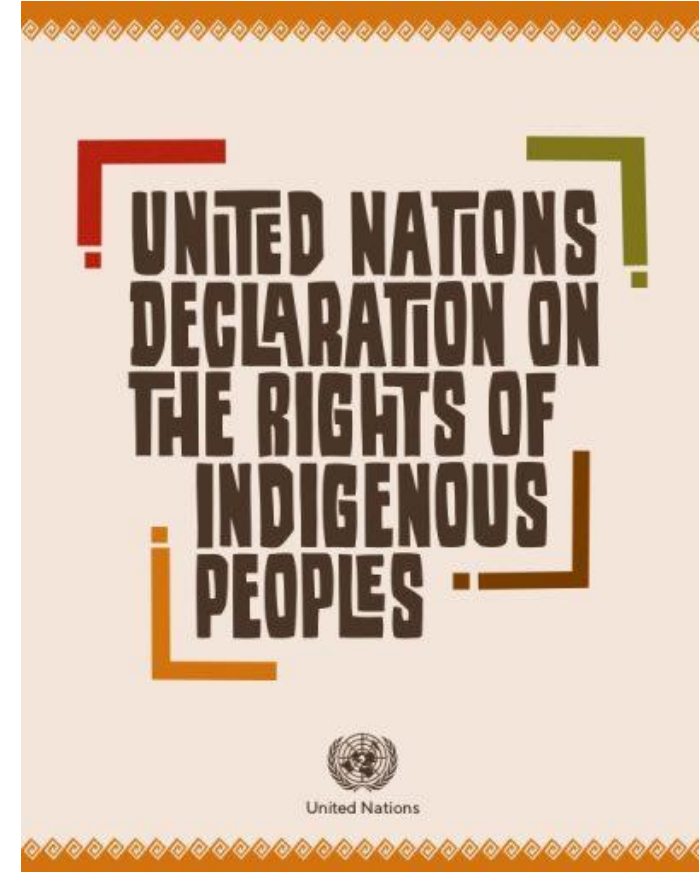
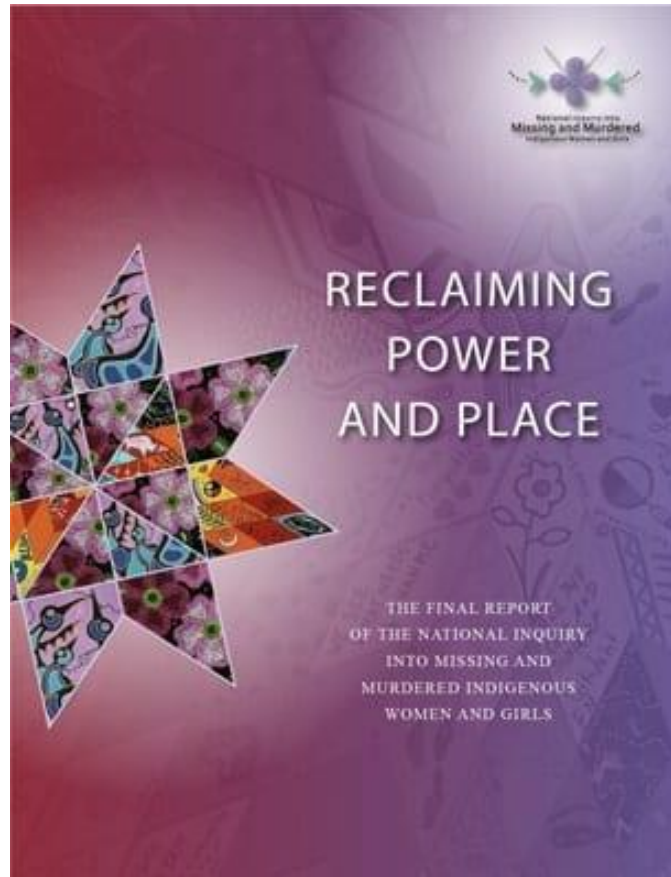
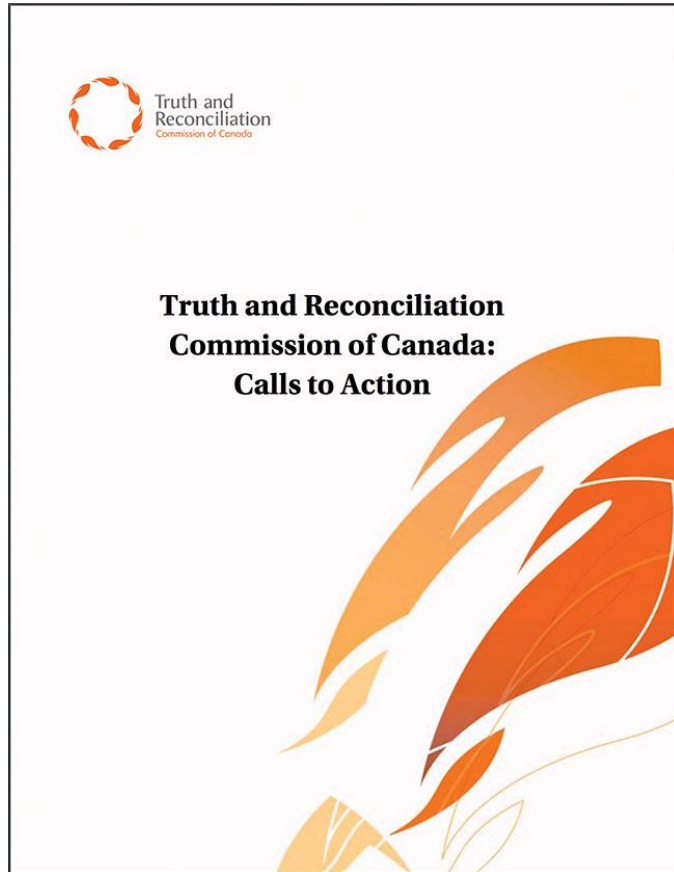
# Purpose

- Durham Catholic District School Board renews its commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, acknowledging the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a day of solemn reflection.
- It is a day to honour the children who never returned home from residential schools, and offer thoughts and prayers to the Survivors, their families, and all those impacted by this painful history. Acknowledging the history and the truth of the ongoing impacts of residential schools is essential to the reconciliation process.

# Renewing our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation

- Closing the gaps on staff learning to better meet curriculum expectations
- Learning as action for social change
  - Deepening understanding about the impacts of colonization
  - Building relationships with First Nation, Métis, and Inuit community and partners
  - Utilizing holistic approaches to student success

# Three Foundational Documents



# Next Steps

- Multi-Year Strategic Plan *Inspire 2026*:
  - Continue to collaborate with our Indigenous Education Circle and our Student Indigenous Education Circle
  - Work to deepen understanding of Indigenous education across the curriculum
  - Review the Land Acknowledgement
  - Explore ways to support meaningful action and continue to walk the path together as Treaty people
  - Share resources with schools to support learning