

SD #22 LEGACY OF HOPE FOUNDATION CONTEST WINNERS – supplemental information

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The Aboriginal Education at School District 22 has won a contest from the Legacy of Hope Foundation to celebrate their 20-year anniversary. The contest provides funding to bring 2 exhibitions to Vernon to be showcased in the community and schools. The foundation is a national, Indigenous-led, charitable organization that has been working to promote healing and Reconciliation in Canada. Their exhibitions have been showcased across the country from high schools to universities, galleries to museums, and even Parliament Hill.

The first exhibit is a traveling exhibit (16'W x 4'D x 8H) and is entitled, *Where are the Children? Healing the Legacy of the Residential Schools*. The content of this piece spans the 125 years of the Residential School system in Canada from 1880 until the Right Honourable Stephen Harper's public apology in 2008.



The second exhibit, *Remembering, Honouring and the Way Forward*, is large (requiring 25' x 25' of display space) and is more interactive. This piece was developed to: "...acknowledge the dark chapter in Canada's history, to remember the Survivors who made it out of the Schools, and to

honour those who did not, so that we can learn, change, take action and build respectful relationships between Canadians and Indigenous Peoples moving forward.”



These two exhibits were selected because of how well they complement one another, allowing viewers to look back at the dark history of Canada and to look forward toward reconciliation.

The Aboriginal Education Department has been collaborating with different organizations to provide programming for schools as well as community members. From May until September (2021), these exhibits will be featured at local organizations like the Vernon Art Gallery and the Greater Vernon Museum and Archives.

From September until December (2021), the traveling exhibit, *Where are the Children?* will be hosted at various secondary schools across the district to allow for students and staff to explore the material on a deeper level.

Both exhibits are in French and English and contain mature subject matter that may be disturbing to some visitors and may trigger Survivors. Please call 1-866-925-4419 or your local crisis line for counselling and support. Please take care.

Stay tuned for more details on specific dates and locations for the exhibits.

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