

I am calling upon you and the Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development Canada to seek a Performance Audit by the Auditor General for Canada in response to these recommendations. This audit should begin after 18 months, and be delivered on the second anniversary of this verdict, June 28, 2018. It should track the recommendations directed at the federal government, and evaluate the response, if any.

Without commitment to implementation, the recommendations of coroner's juries gather dust and demoralize NAN community members as well as the general public. Governments and public institutions can act on them, but mostly, they do not. And if nothing changes, the financial cost for everyone involved, most importantly, the families who opened themselves to this process in the hopes for change, will have been in vain. On behalf of my communities, I look to you to honour the sacrifice of their families who have laid bare for us their pain of losing a child, and to honour the youth we have lost, by committing to a safer education system for our First Nations youth.

I look forward to hearing of the Government of Canada's commitment to implementation, and the Auditor General's impending report.

Sincerely,

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