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YUKON SUPPORTS PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL APOLOGY

WHITEHORSE – The following statement was released today by Premier Dennis Fentie regarding the Government of Canada's apology to former students of Indian Residential Schools:

"Prime Minister Stephen Harper's apology to former students of Indian Residential Schools is welcomed by the Government of Yukon. The apology was made in the House of Commons today on behalf of the Government of Canada and all Canadians.

"The Yukon government encourages all Yukoners to acknowledge and remember this day. This apology marks a new era, one in which citizens and governments can start to build new relationships.

"The Yukon government supports the work of the Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission and urges Yukoners who have been affected by the Indian Residential Schools' legacy to share their experiences with the Commission."

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