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## PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN TRUDEAU TO VISIT WILLIAMS LAKE FIRST NATION

Chief and Council of the Williams Lake First Nation (WLFN) today announced that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will be visiting WLFN this week. The Prime Minister's visit follows the WLFN's January 25<sup>th</sup> announcement, which revealed that 93 reflections had been found during the first phase of investigations at the site of the former St. Joseph's Mission residential school.

"We're thankful that the Prime Minister is making the time to visit Williams Lake First Nation," states WLFN Chief, Willie Sellars. "This trip has been a long time in the making, and we have much to discuss about the St. Joseph's Mission investigation, the Government of Canada's role in residential school investigations, and Canada's commitment to the goals of Reconciliation. We are honored to welcome the Prime Minister to Secwepemculecw and look forward to productive conversation. At the same time, we would like to remind the public to respect the 93 reflections that were reported on January 25<sup>th</sup>, and to respect the families and communities during this time".

WLFN would like to acknowledge that information regarding Indian Residential Schools could be triggering for some people. A crisis support line at the Indian Residential School Survivors Society can be reached at 1-866-925-4419 and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For further information in relation to this release, or to discuss opportunities for media engagement during the Prime Minister's visit to WLFN, please contact:

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