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Kyle Morrisseau' s Father Reacts to the Verdict of the First Nations Youth Inquest

THUNDER BAY, ON: Today the jury released a verdict and recommendations in the inquest into the deaths of seven First Nation youth. Christian Morrisseau, Kyle's father was unable to attend the verdict in Thunder Bay today but made a heart felt statement directed to his family, the other six families whose children were the subject of this inquest and other parties involved in the inquest:

I miss my son Kyle and my heart goes out to all of the other families that are going through the hardship of losing a child. But I thank god and creator for sending me my son for 17 years to see him grow up as a young man. I am proud of my son Kyle and I am proud of the other six students for their strong teachings of love and sacrifice for generations to come. I believe that all seven students were looking down and shining on all of us, the families, the Coroner, the Jury, the Lawyers and those who took part in the inquest with great peace. Form this day forward, I will try to hurt no more and until the day I die and get to hold my son again, I will speak and teach others about what these seven fallen feathers did for other students. I believe that they are now flying free with crowns of flowers for all of us today. Their job is done. I am very happy and proud of my son Josh, Kyle's brother, who continues taking the lead for me and his young siblings in this inquest and in other ways. I am also proud and owe much respect to my son Bret who will be going out to high school next September. He has a strong, brave heart of hope and courage, given that he lost his older brother when he left home for school. He reminds me that there is faith and hope for all of us to gain knowledge and education when he and other First Nation children like him leave their families, loved ones and their home communities to learn, to improve their lives and to create opportunity.

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