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Six Nations Statement on Today's Announcement by the Survivor's Secretariat

The Survivors' Secretariat announced today that the search for unmarked graves at the former Mohawk Institute in Brantford, Ontario has begun. The Joint Police Task Force began their work this morning by combing the search grid with the use of ground-penetrating radar technology.

Today's announcement marks the first step in a long, arduous journey for our community. Although this will undoubtedly be a difficult process, Six Nations hopes that we as a people may heal together by finally bringing our children home.

"The Survivors' Secretariat has been working for months to prepare for this day to ensure we are taking the best possible route towards achieving justice for Survivors," said Six Nations Elected Chief Mark Hill. "I would like to commend everyone involved in this investigation for their continued efforts on this important work. Our focus now is on preparing our community for the potential findings of the search and providing adequate mental health and crisis support to those who may need it."

Six Nations community members are reminded that support is available to Survivors, their loved ones, and anyone else who may be struggling with this news. The following resources are available to help you if you are in need of support:

- 24/7 National Indian Residential School Crisis Line: **1-866-925-4419**
- 24/7 Six Nations Crisis Line: **519-445-2204 or 1-866-445-2204**
- Six Nations Mental Health and Addictions: **519-445-2143** (Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm)
- In an emergency, call **9-1-1**

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