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I read today's article in Castanet... your board stated emphatically, The board said its trustees "unequivocally support the sovereignty, self-determination, and rights of Indigenous Peoples" and "each day, from our classrooms to our boardrooms, we acknowledge that the land on which we are grateful to live, work, learn, and play is the unceded and traditional territory of the Okanagan people."

The two statements are a fair representation of historical fact. So what do you intend to do about it? You acknowledge that you are on stolen land every time you meet or address the public, which for all intents and purposes are useless platitudes that pander to your white guilt. So what do you plan to do about it?

You insult every indigenous person by mocking them with such useless platitudes. You say to them, "we took your land, we don't care, and plan to do absolutely NOTHING about it except remind you of our theft of your land at every opportunity in order for us white people to feel better about it.

You are not serving anything or anyone with such public statements and only further deepen the indigenous sense of victimization.

Regards

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