



December 6th is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. On this date in 1989, 14 women were murdered at École Polytechnique de Montréal because of their gender.

As the nation reflects on this tragedy, gender-based violence continues to be a daily reality for too many women in our country. Shockingly, over half of Canadian women have experienced physical or sexual violence since the age of 16 and Indigenous women are killed at six times the rate of non-Indigenous women.

These are friends, family members, colleagues, and students. As teachers, we must ensure our students understand gender-based violence and continue to learn

from the lessons of the past so this violence can finally come to an end. A symbol we wear to represent this day is a white ribbon. It is our commitment to never condone, commit or remain silent about violence against women and girls.

Today, I ask you to remember the victims of École Polytechnique de Montréal and all women who have died or suffered from gender-based violence, and join the movement to end all forms of violence against women and girls.



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