In the spirit of Mistawasis, we honour Nêhiyawak traditions as we advance our Nation.



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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: National Indian Day School Class Action - McLean v Canada

Mistawasis Nêhiyawak supports the Indian Day School Class Action settlement.

Our people who attended Federal Day Schools were excluded under the Indian Residential School Agreement. Nevertheless, like Indian Residential Schools, the Federal Government used education to wipe out our language and culture. This settlement includes significant compensation for our survivors and provides a more fair, quicker, easier claims process. It is also known that the compensation process is to be simple and confidential. Our people deserve, and Canada, owes them, real acknowledgement.

Mistawasis Nêhiyawak believe that the Indian Day School settlement is the best way to hold Canada accountable for these harms, to acknowledge the past wrongs, and to offer a way forward for our survivors. Also, Mistawasis Nêhiyawak confirms its support on a expedited claims process once the settlement is approved.

Thank you once again for all your time and effort into this matter.

Sincerely,

Chief Daryl Watson