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To Whom It May Concern:

The Piikani Nation supports the Indian Day School Class Action settlement. Our people suffered at the hands of the federal government and it is time that this is finally acknowledged.

Many of our survivors are already gone, and many more are getting older. It is important that compensation can go into the hands of the survivors quickly and that their harm is acknowledged. The settlement does this without a lengthy, re-traumatizing process that does more harm than good.

The Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have been responsive to these and other concerns of our people. They have been to our community to answer questions and listen to our stories about the Day Schools our people were forced to attend. It is important to know that Class Counsel will continue to be there to help our people during the process.

We are happy that the settlement also includes a Legacy Fund to support commemoration projects and cultural initiatives. Day schools were an attack on our culture, and this fund is needed to help us heal. It is important that Canada provides this in addition to the compensation to each of our survivors.

The Indian Day School Class Action settlement allows us to move forward and begin to heal.

Sincerely,

Chief Stanley Grier,
Piikani Nation