

## Mohawk Council of Kanesatake

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Subject: Indian Day School Class Action Settlement

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Mohawk Council of Kanesatake, I would like to offer our support for the Indian Day School Class Action settlement. Survivors have waited too long and this settlement represents the best opportunity for our people to receive justice for the harm that were inflicted upon them as children in Indian Day Schools.

Recognition for these harms is an important issue for our community members. For those who attended a Residential School and a Day School, the settlement will help complete that needed recognition. We need to move ahead in our healing journey and this agreement will help with the process.

Gowling WLG has been responsive to our request and has provided clarity where we have questions. We urge you to continue pressing ahead with this settlement on behalf of our community and for all those affected by Indian Day Schools.

In Peace and Friendship,

Chief Valerie Bonspille