

# Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory

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## **RE: The *McLean* Indian Day School Class Action Settlement**

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory ("WUT"), I write to offer WUT's support for the settlement agreement reached in *McLean v Her Majesty the Queen* ("the Settlement").

The Settlement will provide justice for the thousands of survivors who attended Indian Day Schools, including the numerous schools operated in WUT.

The survivors, including many of WUT's elders, have waited far too long for recognition of the damage inflicted on them, their communities, and their languages and culture. The Settlement clearly acknowledges those past harms, while also promoting healing and the revitalization of language and culture.

The Settlement provides a unique opportunity to recognize, and, as far as possible, remedy decades of injustices. It will allow survivors, their families, and their communities to move forward.

WUT supports this Settlement and has retained staff to help our survivors with processing their claims and to case manage wellness supports as required.

Before his untimely death, Garry McLean, together with members of Gowling WLG's legal team, came to WUT to explain the class action to the community. They answered every question asked of them. They gave the community hope that these harms would finally be recognized.

We want to see Garry McLean's legacy secured. On behalf of WUT, please continue to fight for the approval and implementation of the Settlement. Miigwech.

Sincerely,



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