

## DAY SCHOOL SETTLEMENT UPDATE

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The Federal Court has approved the class settlement to compensate survivors for harms suffered while attending Federal Indian Day Schools. The settlement includes compensation ranging from \$10,000 to \$200,000 based on the level of harm experienced as well as the creation of a Legacy Fund of \$200 million to support commemoration projects, health and wellness projects, and language and culture initiatives.

### What can I do now?

The Claims form is available for review [here](#), but information is not yet available on how or when to submit the form. You may want to look at the form to get ready, but you can't submit it yet. Once the claims process has started, Class Members will have 2.5 years to submit the form.

Once the claims process is open, claims will begin to be processed in late December (subject to any legal appeals).

### What if I want to opt out of the Settlement?

Beginning August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Class Members will have 90 days to opt out of the Settlement by removing themselves from the Class. Opting out is a serious and permanent decision. **Those choosing to opt out of the Settlement will receive no compensation from this Settlement** but will retain the right to bring their own claim against Canada for harms suffered, if they wish to do so. Anyone choosing to opt out must complete and submit the [Opt Out Form](#) by November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### Where do I get more information?

All the forms are available at <http://indiandayschools.com/en/> or at the Admin office.

You can contact the lawyers (Gowling) free of charge at 1-844-539-3815. You can [register](#) with Gowling if you want them to send you any updates. There is no deadline to register.

We will host info sessions later this fall once the claims process has been finalized.

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