

Support for Federal Day School

October 22, 2021- The Federal Day Schools Class Action (FDSCA) Settlement Agreement is meant to address harm suffered because of Canada's establishment, management, and funding of Federal Day Schools. IRC has been involved in advocating for Class members of Federal Day Schools to ensure that survivors can access claims and gain compensation for harm at the Levels they are eligible.

The Claim Form is available indiandayschools.com and IRC's Legal and Resolution Health Support team with IRC's Health & Wellness also have Claim Forms on hand. Survivor applicants were given 2.5 years to submit their forms for compensation and the last day to submit a Claim will be July 13, 2022.

There is legal support available for those seeking assistance on completing and filing a Day School Claim. There is also help available including legal advice if your claim is downward classified from the original level you had submitted. We encourage beneficiaries to reach out in such cases prior to filing any documents with the Claims Administrator.

Legal, Wellness and Crisis Support Available:

- **Legal Support-** Under the Settlement Agreement, only lawyers from the firm, Gowling WLG were appointed by the Federal Court to provide legal representation to Class Members. Anyone can seek legal assistance free of charge from Gowling WLG at 1 (888) 221-2898 and dayschools@gowlingwlg.com IRC is working in collaboration with legal counsel Alyssa Flaherty-Spence alyssa.flaherty-spence@gowlingwlg.com. She can be reached at 1- 613 786- 0084.
- Should you wish to speak with anyone at IRC, you are welcome to contact receptionist **Carmen Wade**, at ircreception@inuvialuit.com or 1 867 777-7000 and she will schedule an appointment with the appropriate help.
- **Wellness, Healing and Counselling as well as assistance with Claims Forms.** IRC's Resolution Health Support Workers (RHSWs) are committed to helping Inuvialuit, to the extent they can, with the application process and have been spending time in your communities helping Class member survivors fill out Claims Forms.

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- **Crisis support** is available for Class Members through a national service called "Hope for Wellness". This service provides counselling and crisis intervention 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the toll-free line 1 (855) 242-3310 and online www.hopeforwellness.ca

IRC will continue to advocate for better support services for survivors. IRC will also push to ensure that Inuvialuit beneficiaries can access appropriate Claims they are entitled to receive through this process.