



May 16, 2022

Dear Seabird Island First Nation,

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Box 650  
Agassiz, BC V0M 1A0

**Re: Indian Day School USB Information Package**

We write to provide information regarding the Indian Day School class action. Since claims cannot be amended after they have been submitted, Claimants are strongly encouraged to carefully complete their Claim Form before submitting it to the Claims Administrator (Deloitte) to avoid delays. **Claimants can reach Class Counsel for help at 1-844-539-3815 or by email: [dayschools@gowlingwlg.com](mailto:dayschools@gowlingwlg.com).** This contact information is also on the cover page of the Claim Form and on page 5 where the Claimants signs the form.

**Please note that the deadline to submit a Claim Form is July 13, 2022, leaving approximately two months for Claimants to file their Claim Form.** That said, the Settlement Agreement provides a possible **extension period of six (6) months – extending the deadline to January 13, 2023.**

Once the deadline of July 13, 2022 has passed, if someone was unable to file a claim during the initial 2½-year claims period – due to unique impacts from the pandemic, or another extraordinary circumstance – then the Claimant can submit an Extension Request Form to seek the six (6) month extension. However, the Extension Request Form cannot be filed before the July 13, 2022 deadline. The form will be available online after the claims period has closed.

We encourage Claimants to submit a claim by July 13, 2022, rather than completing an additional form and having to rely on the Exceptions Committee to grant the six-month extension. Class Counsel remains free and available to assist at **1.844.539.3815**.

Please also note that mental health support is available to Claimants 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the Hope for Wellness Hotline at **1-855-242-3310** or online at [www.hopeforwellness.ca](http://www.hopeforwellness.ca). Counselling is available in English, French, Cree, Ojibway and Inuktitut, on request.

For those that do not have access to the internet, please find enclosed a USB with useful resources to help Claimants complete their Claim Form, including:

- the Claim Form;
- Frequently Asked Questions;
- Mental Health Resources;
- an educational video that walks Claimants through the Claim Form step-by-step;
- Infographics on various topics related to the claims process, including roles of the parties and tips for individuals who are applying on behalf of a loved one that passed on or after July 31, 2007 (estate claims).

We encourage you to share this information broadly. If you have any questions please contact us at **1-844-539-3815** or by email at [dayschools@gowlingwlg.com](mailto:dayschools@gowlingwlg.com). We can advise in English, French, Cree and Inuktitut.

Thank you for your continued support and patience throughout this process.

Sincerely,  
**Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP**

per.   
Partner, Day School Settlement Implementation Lead