

LONG-FORM NOTICE

Are you an Indigenous person who attended a First Nation Managed School for elementary or secondary education, while ordinarily resident on reserve, between April 17, 1985 and October 18, 2021?

If YES, a class action may affect your rights.

A Court authorized this notice. You are not being sued.

The Federal Court of Canada has certified a class action on behalf of all Indigenous individuals ordinarily on reserve and enrolled in elementary or secondary education at a First Nation Managed School between April 17, 1985 until October 18, 2021. If you know someone who meets this definition but cannot read this notice, please share this information with them.

First Nation Managed Schools are schools managed by a First Nation organization with funding provided from the Government of Canada. The list of First Nation Managed Schools for the purpose of this class action is available at <https://firstnationschoolclassaction.ca/>. Please check this list to confirm whether the school you attended is on the list.

The Court has not decided whether Canada did anything wrong. No money is available now for compensation, and no compensation is guaranteed.

However, your rights are affected by this lawsuit, and you have a choice to make now. This notice is to help you make that choice.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS AT THIS STAGE	
DO NOTHING	Stay in this lawsuit and wait for the outcome. Share in possible benefits from the outcome but give up certain individual rights. By doing nothing, you keep the possibility of getting money or other benefits from a trial or settlement. But you give up any rights to sue Canada on your own for the same legal claims in this lawsuit.
REMOVE YOURSELF (OPT OUT)	Get out of this lawsuit and get no benefits from it. Keep your individual rights. If you ask to be removed (opt out) and money or benefits are later awarded, you will <i>not</i> share in those. But, you keep any rights to sue Canada on your own about the same legal claims in this lawsuit, subject to any applicable limitation period.

Lawyers must prove the claims against Canada at a trial, or a settlement must be agreed to. If money or benefits are obtained, you will be notified about how to obtain your share.

Your options are explained in this notice. To be removed from the lawsuit, you must send the opt-out form by no later than September 17, 2026.

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1. Why is there a notice?

This lawsuit has been “certified” as a class action. This means the lawsuit meets the requirements for class actions and may proceed to trial on behalf of the class. If you are included, you may have legal rights and options before the Court rules on the claims being made against Canada. This notice explains these things.

A judge of the Federal Court of Canada is overseeing this case. The case is known as *Catcheway v. Canada*, Court File No. T-1584-21. The people who sued are called the Plaintiffs. Canada is the Defendant.

2. What is this lawsuit about?

The lawsuit alleges that Canada’s conduct, policies, and funding formulas concerning First Nation Managed Schools breached the equality guarantees owed by Canada to Indigenous people under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Canada denies these claims. The Court has not decided whether the Plaintiff is right or Canada is right. The lawyers for the Plaintiff have to prove their claims in Court.

3. What is a class action?

In a class action, a person or people called the Representative Plaintiff or Representative Plaintiffs (in this case, Braelyn Catcheway, by her litigation Timothy Catcheway) sue on behalf of people who have similar claims. These people are a Class or Class Members. The court rules on the issues in one lawsuit for all class members, except those who remove themselves from the class by opting out.

4. Who is a member of the Class?

The Federal Court has certified this class action on behalf of all Indigenous individuals ordinarily on reserve and enrolled in elementary or secondary education at a First Nation Managed School between April 17, 1985 until October 18, 2021.

There are no age restrictions. The class includes children and adults.

5. What is a First Nation Managed School?

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More schools may be added to the list of First Nation Managed Schools. If you believe a school should be added to the list of First Nation Managed Schools, please contact Class Counsel at 1385 West 8th Avenue, Suite 400, Vancouver, BC, V6H 3V9.

6. What is the Representative Plaintiff asking for?

The Representative Plaintiff is asking for money and benefits for the Class. They are also asking for lawyers’ fees and costs, plus interest if the lawsuit is successful.

7. Is there any money available now?

No money or other benefits are available now because the Court has not ruled on whether Canada did anything wrong, and the two sides have not settled the case. There is no guarantee that money or benefits will ever be obtained. If they are, you will be notified about how to obtain your share.

YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

You must decide whether to stay in the Class or remove yourself from the Class.

8. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing, you will automatically remain in the lawsuit. All Court orders, good or bad, will bind you. If any benefit is awarded, you may need to take steps to receive it.

9. What if I don't want to be in the lawsuit?

If you don't want to be in the lawsuit, you must remove yourself by opting out. If you remove yourself, you will not receive any benefit obtained from the lawsuit. You will not be bound by any court orders and will have the right to sue Canada as an individual regarding the issues in this case.

If you do not want to stay in the class action, you must send the opt-out form by no later than September 17, 2026. You can contact the Notice Administrator for the opt-out form.

10. Do I have a lawyer in the case?

Yes. The Court has appointed Klein Lawyers LLP as Class Counsel to represent the class.

11. How will the lawyers be paid?

Class Counsel will only be paid if the Representative Plaintiff wins a trial or if there is a settlement. The Court has to approve Class Counsel's request to be paid. The Court will only approve an amount that is fair and reasonable. The fees and expenses could be deducted from any money obtained for the Class or could be paid separately by Canada.

12. How and when will the Court decide who is right?

If the lawsuit is not settled, the Representative Plaintiff will have to prove the claims at a trial. During the trial, a court will hear all of the evidence and rule on whether the Representative Plaintiff or Canada is right about the claims in the lawsuit. There is no guarantee that the Representative Plaintiff will win any money or benefits for the Class.

13. Will I get money after the trial?

If the Representative Plaintiff obtains money or benefits as a result of a trial or settlement, you will be notified about how to obtain a share or what your other options are. These things are not known right now.

Important information about the case will be posted on the website for this case as it becomes available. You can visit the website for this case at: www.FirstNationSchoolClassAction.ca

14. How do I get more information?

You can get more information at: www.FirstNationSchoolClassAction.ca

If you have questions, you can call 604-714-2072, send an email to info@callkleinlawyers.com, or write to: 1385 West 8th Avenue, Suite 400, Vancouver, BC, V6H 3V9