

Information for Survivors and Families regarding the Île-à-la-Crosse School Settlement

What you need to know

The Court has approved the Île-à-la-Crosse School Settlement. Survivors can begin submitting claim forms starting June 1, 2026. The notice of settlement approval is enclosed in this package and is also available at www.ILEXSettlement.ca or by contacting the Administrator.

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The class action and settlements

The Île-à-la-Crosse School class action alleged that Canada and Saskatchewan failed to keep students safe at the school. Both governments agreed to settlements, which the Court approved on April 29, 2026.

The settlements address harms experienced by Survivors who attended the Île-à-la-Crosse School and residence, which operated from approximately 1860 to 1976. The settlements include:

- **Survivor Class:** Students who attended or lived in residence at the Île-à-la-Crosse School between 1860 and 1976 and who were alive on December 9, 2003.
- **Family Class:** Spouses, parents, children, grandchildren, and siblings of a Survivor Class Member.

Canada's settlement

- \$27.335 million for Experience Payments:
 - Up to \$10,000 for attending the school for up to 4 years OR
 - Up to \$15,000 for attending the school for 5 years or more
- \$10 million Legacy Fund for language, cultural, wellness, and commemoration community projects
- \$5 million for administration costs

Legal fees of \$9.605 million to be paid by Canada separate and apart from the Canada settlement money.

Saskatchewan's settlement

- \$40.2 million for:
 - Payments of up to \$50,000–\$235,000 for Survivors who experienced serious physical abuse or sexual abuse
 - Possible extra Experience Payments for people who lived in residence if funds remain
 - Administration costs are estimated to be \$1-2 million
 - \$8.5 million from the Saskatchewan settlement money will be paid to Class Counsel for their legal fees

What happens next

The claims period will start on June 1, 2026. Information about how to apply for compensation will be available on the settlement website at that time.

Your options

1. Opt Out:

Survivors and their family members have the right to opt out if they do not want to be bound by the results of the class action and do not want to participate in the settlements. If you wish to opt out, and not receive compensation under the settlements, you must submit an Opt-Out Form to the Administrator by August 30, 2026, at 5 p.m. Saskatchewan Time.

If you opt out, you will not be able to apply for compensation from the settlements, but you will be able to start your own lawsuit against Canada and Saskatchewan related to your experience at the Île-à-la-Crosse School.

Opt-Out Forms can be found at www.ILEXSettlement.ca/Forms-Documents or by calling the Administrator toll free at **1-833-700-7458**.

2. Submit your claim form starting June 1, 2026

If you would like to receive compensation from the settlements, you can start the process beginning June 1, 2026. You have until June 1, 2027, to apply for an Experience Payment and until June 1, 2028, to apply for abuse compensation.

More information on eligibility and compensation, as well as the claim form, will be on the settlement website starting June 1, 2026. At that time, you can download the claim form at www.ILEXSettlement.ca or request a mailed copy by contacting the Administrator.

More information

Administrator (Deloitte) | www.ILEXSettlement.ca | info@ILEXSettlement.ca | **1-833-700-7458**

Free legal support:

Sotos LLP | **1-888-451-9227** (toll free) | ilex@Sotos.ca

Goldblatt Partners LLP | **1-855-214-7557** (toll free) | ilex@GoldblattPartners.com

Merchant Law Group LLP | **306-271-2896** | ilex@MerchantLaw.com

Wellness support

You are not alone. Reading about the Île-à-la-Crosse School may bring up painful memories. Support is available at any time.

- Indian Residential School Survivors Society | **1-800-721-0066** | IRSSS.ca/irsss-services
- Hope for Wellness Helpline | **1-855-242-3310** | www.HopeForWellness.ca