

ÎLE-À-LA-CROSSE SCHOOL CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CERTIFICATION AND SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

If you or one of your family members attended the Île-à-la-Crosse Boarding/Mission School, please read this information carefully because it affects your legal rights.

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This lawsuit is about whether the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan are legally responsible for harms that students and their family members experienced because of attending the Île-à-la-Crosse Boarding School (also sometimes called the Île-à-la-Crosse Mission School, the Île-à-la-Crosse residential school, or just the “Île-à-la-Crosse School”).

There are settlement agreements with both Canada and Saskatchewan that involve compensation being paid by each Government directly to students, as well as other compensation such as a Legacy Fund, which will benefit students, their family members, and their communities.

These settlements are only proposals right now. Nothing will become final and no compensation will be paid unless a judge approves the settlements. If the judge approves a settlement with only one Government, it will end the lawsuit against that Government. If the judge approves both settlements, it will end the whole lawsuit.

The rest of this notice explains:

- more about the class action lawsuit
- what’s in the settlements
- how the judge will decide whether to approve the settlements
- your rights and options if you or one of your family members attended the Île-à-la-Crosse School.

There is also a longer notice that has more details. You can read it online [here](#) or email info@ILEXSettlement.ca or call 1-833-700-7458 for a copy.

WHAT IS THIS LAWSUIT ABOUT?

This lawsuit alleges that Canada and Saskatchewan were involved in operating and overseeing the Île-à-la-Crosse School, and that they breached their duties to care for and protect the School students from harm. The lawsuit asks Canada and Saskatchewan to pay compensation because of these breaches of duty. These allegations have not been proven in court.

Two groups of people are included in the lawsuit:

- everyone who is in the **Survivor Class**: a person who was alive on December 9, 2003, and who attended the Île-à-la-Crosse School as a student or for educational purposes – including day students or “day schoolers”; and
- everyone who is in the **Family Class**: spouses, parents, children, grandchildren, or siblings of a Survivor Class member.

This lawsuit only covers things that happened at, or because of, the Île-à-la-Crosse School and residence that was operational from around 1860 until 1976. It doesn’t include anything that happened at the Rossignol School that is run by the Île-à-la-Crosse School Board, which started up in 1975-76.

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS?

Both settlements include compensation for Survivor Class members. For Survivors who were alive on December 9, 2003, but have died since, the compensation will go to their estate or heirs, such as their spouses or children.

You can read a full copy of both Settlement Agreements online [here](#) or you can email info@ILEXSettlement.ca or call 1-833-700-7458 for paper copies.

Canada has agreed to pay \$27.335 million for “Experience Payments”. Each Survivor (or their estate or heirs) will get an Experience Payment of:

- \$10,000 for a Survivor who attended the School for less than five school years; or
- \$15,000 for a Survivor who attended the School for five or more school years.

If there isn’t enough money to pay all the Experience Payments, each Experience Payment will be reduced proportionately. If there’s money left over, the rest of the \$27.335 million will go to the Legacy Fund.

The Legacy Fund will be used for projects that promote healing, wellness, reconciliation, education, Indigenous language preservation, and/or commemoration for Survivors, their families and communities. Canada will pay \$10 million into the Legacy Fund (plus any leftover money from the Experience Payments fund).

The settlement also includes up to \$5 million for costs of administration and \$5 million for funding any ongoing litigation against Saskatchewan (unless the settlement with Saskatchewan is approved by the judge and the lawsuit comes to an end.)

The legal fees to be paid by Canada are \$8.5 million plus HST, and will not come out of the Experience Payments or Legacy Fund. The lawyers negotiated the legal fees separately from the settlement with Canada, and Canada will pay them separately.

Saskatchewan has agreed to pay \$40.2 million to settle the lawsuit against it. This settlement money is intended

to resolve these aspects of the claims advanced by the class action lawsuit: common experience; individual abuse; legacy healing, wellness, education, language, culture and commemoration; and legal fees and settlement administration costs. The plaintiffs propose that the \$40.2 million will be split up:

- first, to pay compensation to students who experienced serious physical abuse or sexual abuse at the Île-à-la-Crosse School, ranging from \$50,000 to \$235,000 depending on the severity of the abuse and its effects;
- second, to top up Experience Payments only for residential students/Survivors who stayed overnight in the School residence; and
- to pay legal fees of \$8.5 million.

The amount of the Experience Payment top-up, if any, will depend on how much is paid out in abuse claims and settlement administration costs.

It's estimated that \$1 million will be needed for costs of administering this settlement, which will be paid from the settlement money. The legal fees will also be deducted from the settlement money because this settlement is "all-inclusive" (unlike the settlement with Canada).

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

On **March 30-31, 2026**, there will be a hearing at the Court of King's Bench in Saskatoon, where the judge will decide whether to approve one or both of the proposed settlements. The test for approving a settlement is whether it is fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Survivor and Family Classes.

The judge will also decide whether to approve the legal fees requested by the plaintiffs' lawyers (the lawyers who have been working on the case on behalf of Survivors and their families). The fee request is:

- \$8.5 million plus tax, to be paid by Canada, separately from the settlement money; and
- \$8.5 million, to be paid by Saskatchewan, out of the \$40.2 million settlement fund.

Survivors and their family members won't have to pay any money for legal fees. They also won't need to hire a lawyer to make a claim or to receive compensation.

The plaintiffs' lawyers will also be making a request for honoraria awards in the amount of \$10,000, to be paid

to each of the plaintiffs and to some members of the Île-à-la-Crosse Steering Committee, in recognition of their years of hard work on this case. These honoraria were negotiated with Canada separately, and will be paid separately from the settlement money.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS AND OPTIONS?

If you want to talk to somebody to learn more about the proposed settlements, contact the plaintiffs' lawyers using the information at the bottom of this page.

To make sure you get more information about how to apply for compensation if the judge approves the settlement(s), please provide your contact information to the plaintiffs' lawyers or to the administrator, Deloitte.

1. Do nothing

If you agree with the proposed settlements, the legal fees requested by the plaintiffs' lawyers, and the honoraria requests, you don't have to do anything now.

2. Make an objection

If you don't agree with the proposed settlement with Canada or with Saskatchewan, the amount of legal fees requested by the plaintiffs' lawyers, or the honoraria requests, and you don't want the judge to approve, you can submit an objection. The judge will read all the objections and consider them as part of her decision.

To submit an objection, you have to send in an Objection Form by March 15, 2026. The form and instructions are online [here](#), or you can email info@ILEXSettlement.ca or call 1-833-700-7458 for a paper copy.

3. Watch or participate in the hearing

If you want to watch the settlement approval hearing, you can come in person to the courthouse at 520 Spadina Cres E, Saskatoon, on **March 30-31, 2026, starting at 10 a.m.** You'll also be able to watch online.

Survivors or Family Class Members who want to speak directly to the judge about these settlements, the plaintiffs' lawyers' legal fees request, or the honoraria requests, can also come to court in person or online.

To get the link to watch or to speak with the judge online, check [here](#) or email info@ILEXSettlement.ca or call 1-833-700-7458 after March 24, 2026.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the proposed settlements, visit the administrator's website [here](#) or email info@ILEXSettlement.ca or call 1-833-700-7458. If you'd like to speak with a lawyer, the plaintiffs' lawyers can give you more information. There's no cost for speaking with them about the class action or the proposed settlements.

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