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Dear Chief and Council,

Okanagan First Nation  
12420 WESTSIDE RD  
VERNON, BC V1H 2A4

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

We write to you as Class Counsel to provide information regarding the Federal Indian Day School and Federal Day School Class Action.

Gowling WLG is committed to providing legal services to Claimants as we navigate social changes in response to the Coronavirus. The health and safety of Claimants is our top priority. In response to the pandemic, we are following the instructions to avoid social gatherings to prevent the spread of the virus.

Community Assistance Sessions are now being delivered by Zoom video conference. During these sessions, our legal team provides an overview of the Claim Form and answers questions live. Claimants can view the schedule of sessions and sign up at our website: [www.indiandayschools.com](http://www.indiandayschools.com).

**Claimants are reminded that the deadline to submit a Claim Form is July 13, 2022.** Claimants are strongly encouraged to carefully complete and take time to review their Claim Form before submitting it to the Claims Administrator. If support is sought to fill out a Claim Form, we can be reached at [1-844-539-3815](tel:1-844-539-3815) or email [dayschools@gowlingwlg.com](mailto:dayschools@gowlingwlg.com).

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 Resource Poster;
- an educational video that walks Claimants through the Claim Form step-by-step. A copy of this video is provided in English and French;
- Infographics on various topics related to the 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.

We encourage this information to be shared broadly within your community. 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