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Day School Settlement details announced in Ottawa

(Ottawa, ON) Assembly of First Nations (AFN) NWT Regional Chief Norman Yakeleya is in Ottawa today at the federal government's Day School announcement of individual compensation for Indigenous children who attended Day Schools run by the federal government across the country.

"My dear friend, Garry McLean, is not here to witness this with us, but I am sure he is with us in spirit," said Regional Chief Yakeleya of his friend Garry McLean, the lead plaintiff in the Day School Lawsuit. "Despite all that he went through, he always had a smile and positive words to give to residential and day school survivors."

Crown-Indigenous Relations Minister Carolyn Bennett also spoke highly of Garry McLean and the importance of the individual compensation as well as the \$200 million legacy fund investment to support healing initiatives for those affected by federal Day Schools.

An agreement-in-principle was announced in December 2018 for the almost 200,000 Indigenous children who attended federal government funded Day Schools where many students suffered abuses similar to those who attended Residential Schools. AFN Regional Chief Norman Yakeleya holds the Residential School File as one of his portfolios.

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