



First Nations Child & Family Caring Society statement: July 4, 2022

The following is in response to the Final Settlement Agreement for compensation that was reached today between the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), class action parties and the Government of Canada.

"We are reviewing the agreement on compensation between the class action parties and Canada announced today. Our priority is to ensure that First Nations children and families get the \$40,000 they have already won at the Human Rights Tribunal. We also want to ensure there are proper supports in place for them as compensation is rolled out.

The advice we've received from First Nations youth in care, and former youth in care, continues to guide us as we work towards protecting the rights of victims to the human rights damages they are entitled to receive.

The Caring Society is not a party to the compensation Final Settlement Agreement nor are we seeking any benefit relating to the compensation. We believe that Canada should compensate the victims immediately and drop their appeal at the Federal Court of Appeal."

- Cindy Blackstock, Executive Director of the First Nations Child & Family Caring Society of Canada