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# How can the Legacy Fund best support Indian Day School Survivors, their families, and their communities?

## LEGACY FUND ENGAGEMENT PROCESS



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This document is for Federal Indian Day Schools Survivors and their families to share their thoughts and recommendations on the implementation of the Legacy Fund.

The aim of the Legacy Fund is to support Survivors, their families, and their communities through projects and initiatives under four key themes: language and culture, healing and wellness, commemoration, and truth telling.

The input of Indian Day Survivors and their families is deeply important to us at MDSSC, as we want the Legacy Fund to be as responsive as possible, truly meeting the needs and expectations of Survivors and their families. We are seeking your input throughout Fall 2021 to better determine how the Legacy Fund should be administered and implemented.

We hope this outreach with you results in robust, meaningful, and transparent engagement in a safe, supportive way. Our goal is ensuring the highest level of representation and input from Survivors by providing multiple options and accommodations to address your needs and meet you where you are on your healing journey. Please see the “Accessibility” section below for more information.

The questions below will help guide this input, allowing us to respectfully and carefully consider every response. Responses may be submitted until April 8, 2022.



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## HEALTH & WELLNESS SUPPORTS

Your wellbeing is important to us, and we understand the difficult emotions that may arise with discussions relating to Indian Day Schools. If you require immediate support at any time, please contact Hope for Wellness Help Line at [1-855-242-3310](tel:1-855-242-3310) to access toll-free, 24/7 counselling and crisis intervention. These culturally-competent services are available in Cree, Inuktitut, Ojibway, French and English.

## ACCESSIBILITY

This document is designed to assist those that prefer a physical document to a digital outreach process. Once completed, this document may be submitted to McLean Day Schools Settlement Corporation in the following ways:

### EMAIL

This document may be scanned and emailed to:

[info@mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca](mailto:info@mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca)

### MAIL

This document may be mailed to:

**McLean Day Schools Settlement Corporation**

P.O Box 35090 WESTGATE

Ottawa, ON

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### TELEPHONE

If you would prefer having the following input questions read out aloud over the phone, and have an authorized representative of MDSSC transcribe your answers, please email us at [info@mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca](mailto:info@mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca). A phone call can be arranged at a time that is convenient for you.



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## GUIDING QUESTIONS

These questions are intended only as a *guide*. Please feel free to answer some or all of the questions, or to provide your own submissions. If you have any questions or difficulties, please contact us at [info@mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca](mailto:info@mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca).

Please check the box next to one of the following options:

I am a Federal Indian Day School Survivor

I am a Family member of Federal Indian Day School Survivors

What are the key issues the Legacy Fund must address?

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What do you think the goals of the Legacy Fund should be?

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What types of activities, initiatives, and projects the Legacy Fund support?

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What kinds of values and mandates should organizations supported by the Legacy Fund possess?

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We know mental health and wellness is one of the most critical and immediate issues for Survivors.  
How can the Legacy Fund best address mental health and wellness?

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Are there projects, initiatives, and activities you think would be best carried out by the MDSSC itself?

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How important is it that steps be taken to make the MDSSC sustainable, or to exist permanently?

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Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

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Thank you for taking the time to submit your responses. We deeply appreciate your input – it will help us design a framework for the administration and implementation of the Legacy Fund that directly supports Survivors and their families. The McLean Day Schools Settlement Corporation is an organization for Federal Indian Day School Survivors; we will use all input received to shape the parameters of the Legacy Fund and the future of the MDSSC.

Ensuring our outreach and engagement process is open and transparent is critical for the MDSSC. We will be posting regular summaries of the input received from Survivors, families, and others online at [www.mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca](http://www.mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca)

At the conclusion of our outreach and engagement work, our next steps will be made publicly available.

