

(Nain, NL) September 27, 2007 –The Nunatsiavut Government (NG) would like to inform beneficiaries that it is still attempting to get several residential schools in Newfoundland and Labrador onto the list of recognized schools eligible for compensation from the Government of Canada. However, individuals do not need to take any action until NG finds out if the schools have been added to the list. At which time, the NG will advise beneficiaries of the next steps necessary for making individual claims.

The NG would like beneficiaries to know that some Aboriginal people who attended recognized residential schools across Canada may be receiving compensation as soon as November. However, residential schools from Newfoundland and Labrador have not been included in the Settlement Agreement yet. Therefore, beneficiaries are not eligible for compensation from the Government of Canada at this time.

By the end of October, the NG should know if schools in Labrador will be added to the list by the Government of Canada. The NG will inform beneficiaries of any necessary action beneficiaries are required to take at this time.

The NG would like to be clear that no compensation will be paid to beneficiaries who attended residential schools at this time. However, NG received a very positive reply from the Director of the National Research in June and expects to find out if Newfoundland and Labrador schools will be added to the list soon.

The NG understands that many people are interested in this matter and will keep beneficiaries informed with any updates and relevant information as it becomes available.

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