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HEALING THE GENERATIONS  
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

2002 CURRICULUM UPDATE

## **HANDOUT**

### **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF CANADA APOLOGIES**

The Federal Government of Canada has acknowledged the damages done to Aboriginal communities as a result of the residential school system. First Nations have demanded, and received apologies from the Federal Government, some former students are also seeking redress through the criminal justice system for harms done to them at residential school.

In its report released in 1996, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples recommended that the government and churches offer apologies to residential school survivors, that people be compensated for the abuse they suffered and that a public inquiry be struck to examine the treatment of First Nation students at residential school. In response to the Report, the Federal Government issued a Statement of Reconciliation in which it apologized to those individuals who suffered abuse while at residential school. The Government also granted \$350 million to the Aboriginal Healing Foundation (AHF) to support healing initiatives that address the legacy of abuse left by the residential school system. The Government has also been investigating the merits of various dispute resolution approaches for resolving the civil claims being brought against the Crown and the Churches involved.

Today, most First Nations run their own schools. They are reclaiming the education of their children and attempting to put the residential school experience in the past.