TITLE:	Support for Indian Residential Day Scholars
SUBJECT:	Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and Sechelt Indian Residential School Day Scholars
MOVED BY:	Chief Shane Gottfriedson, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, BC
SECONDED BY:	Clifford Atleo Sr., Proxy, Ehattesaht First Nation, BC
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. Article 8 (1) of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* states: "Indigenous peoples and individuals have the right not to be subjected to forced assimilation or destruction of their culture."

   Article 8 (2)

   States shall provide effective mechanisms for prevention of, and redress for:

   (a) Any action which has the aim or effect of depriving them of their integrity as distinct peoples, or of their cultural values or ethnic identities;

   (b) Any action which has the aim of or effect of dispossessing them of their lands, territories or resources;

   (c) Any form of forced population transfer which has the aim or effect of violating or undermining any of their rights;

   (d) Any form of forced assimilation or integration;

   (e) Any form of propaganda designed to promote or incite racial or ethnic discrimination directed against them.

B. The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) supports all Residential School Survivors just compensation, including Day Scholars and Day Students.

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C. Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and Sechelt First Nation members – as well as members of many other First Nations - endured loss of culture, loss of language, and emotional, sexual, physical, and psychological abuse and other injustices while attending Indian Residential School as Day Scholars and Day Students. These severely affected them and their children and they have not been compensated.

D. Tk'emlups te Secwépemc and Sechelt First Nation collaborated and joined forces to pursue redress and to ensure on going funding for healing for Day Scholars and Day Students.

E. The Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc are committed to obtaining redress for Day Scholars and Day Students and have committed financial resources to date and have agreed jointly with the Sechelt First Nation to cost share a future class action suit against the Government of Canada.

F. The Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and Sechelt First Nations will launch their class action suit (the "Tk'emlúps –Sechelt Day Scholar Class Action") and invite other affected First Nations who are financially able to join their suit.

G. The Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and Sechelt First Nation will remain the "Instructing parties" of the Day Scholars and Day Students Class Action.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Direct that the AFN provide moral, political, legal, and financial support as able to the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and Sechelt First Nation Day Scholars and Day Students Class Action and other legal actions, using available and appropriate means such as the First Nations Rights Fund.
2. Direct the AFN demand that the Government of Canada extend automatic compensation to the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and Sechelt First Nation Day Scholars and Day Students and all other affected Day Scholars and Day Students from other First Nations or in the alternative, with regards to Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and Sechelt First Nation, demand that the Government of Canada pay Day Scholars and Day Students compensation reflecting an increase of 30% over the Common Experience Payments provided to former residents of Indian Residential Schools under the 2006 Indian Residential Settlement.
3. Direct the AFN to engage with the Government of Canada to obtain redress for the Day Scholars and Day Students to include an ongoing financial commitment for the required healing and support systems and processes in each community.
4. Direct that the AFN continue to act in the best interest of the Day Scholars and Day Students by advocating to the Government of Canada to seek just compensation for Day Scholars and Day Students.

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