

October 31, 2016

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada  
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Dear Prime Minister

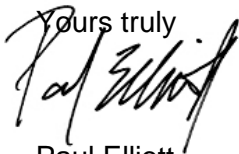
On behalf of the 60,000 members represented by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, I call upon your government to comply with the ruling of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ordering an end to discrimination against First Nations children in the delivery of child welfare services on reserves.

Your government's promise to Canadians that it will implement the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission must be acted upon immediately.

On Tuesday, November 1, a motion will be brought before the Parliament of Canada that can trigger meaningful action to help end the discrimination against First Nations children by:

- (a) immediately investing an additional \$155 million in new funding for the delivery of child welfare that has been identified as the shortfall this year alone, and establishing a funding plan for future years that will end the systemic shortfalls in First Nations child welfare;
- (b) implementing the full definition of Jordan's Principle as outlined in a resolution passed by the House on December 12, 2007;
- (c) fully complying with all orders made by the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal and committing to stop fighting Indigenous families in court who are seeking access to services covered by the federal government; and
- (d) making public all pertinent documents related to the overhaul of child welfare and the implementation of Jordan's Principle.

I am calling on your government to support this motion and end discrimination against First Nations children. In Canada, no child should have to beg for fairness. The success and welfare of our First Nations children is an issue that transcends politics and is broadly supported by the Canadian people. I hope we can count on you to begin to address this historic wrong and redeem Canada's reputation on the world stage.

Yours truly  


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c.c. Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance  
Jody Wilson-Raybould, Minister of Justice Attorney General of Canada  
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