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To members of the Selwyn House Community:

Following a lengthy process of legal proceedings, negotiation, agreement, court approval and claims processing, the Selwyn House Association has delivered payment and a private statement of apology and regret to claimants under three class action suits against the Association brought by students who attended the School during the 60's, 70's and 80's. These payments complete the full and final resolution of these civil claims.

The Association has expressed its sincere and deepest apologies to the student claimants and their families, and its hopes that the settlement will help them and their families heal and move on with their lives.

The settlement process was long, and at times it may have been difficult to understand the reasons why it evolved as it did. It has been stressful for all involved. We expect, and appreciate, that it may have been difficult for claimants to make claims in a relatively public way in a legal suit. The School believes that establishing a dialogue with the claimants is an important step in the process of moving forward and it acknowledges the efforts of claimants in this regard.

Throughout this process the School has strived, to the best of its abilities, to fairly consider the interests involved, be sensitive to the concerns of individuals, and achieve a settlement that would provide some degree of privacy and confidentiality to claimants.

Attached is the public apology that the Association agreed to make under the Settlement Agreement.

It may be inevitable that some will not be satisfied with various aspects of the settlement. However, we believe that the settlement has achieved a fair balance between the interests of claimants and those of the current school community. Above all, we hope that the settlement can help bring healing and peace.

Selwyn House School is committed to offering all of its students a safe, high quality education. We firmly believe that abuse of any sort should never be tolerated.

Edward B. Claxton
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Selwyn House Association

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Class Action – Public Apology

On behalf of Selwyn House School, we wish to express our apologies and regrets to former students who have presented claims asserting any form of sexual abuse during their time at the school.

The school is in the process of communicating directly and personally with those who have informed Selwyn House that they were victims of such abuse.

Selwyn House has reached a settlement with these former students and members of their families which it hopes can help them to move past this matter.

Selwyn House is committed to offering all of its students a safe, high quality education of exceptional depth and scope. It believes that abuse of any sort should never be tolerated. In furtherance of this principle, Selwyn House continues to create and foster an environment of mutual respect and dignity for all.

The present public statement is made in accordance with the Settlement Agreement approved by the Superior Court of Quebec on January 13, 2009.