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## Residential School Summary

-These Residential Schools ran from 1870's to 1990's.

-150,000 F.N. students went through these schools with 80,000 survivors.

-3000 students lost their lives at these schools.

-some parents are still searching for answers for those loved ones that never made it home or what happened to them. Just imagine the pain those parents are feeling every day.

-one heart breaking incident that drew rare attention at the time involved the deaths of four young boys – 2 aged eight and 2 aged 9 in early Jan. 1937.

at the time a Canadian press report from Vanderhoof, B.C., describes how the four bodies were found frozen together in slush ice on Fraser Lake, barely a kilometre from home- they were trying to escape the clutches from their abusers.

-In St. Anne's residential school in Fort Albany, Ontario – students were put on a homemade electric chair to entertain visiting dignitaries-it was also used to punish students.

-some students were forced to eat day old vomit.

-what all survivors endured is why we have the youngest and fastest growing population in Canada that carry some of the most problematic social issues through that ripple effect.

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-some survivors will not or cannot step forward and revisit the horror they endured as students at these schools.

-some simply choose to remain silent.

-for some the residential school experience is a burden they will carry for the rest of their lives.

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There is still boundless amount of rage and sorrow inside me. Many times I feel like a second class citizen in my own reserve-always looking in.

I never ask for pity I want understanding to who I was moulded to. I don't really know who I am.

I'm always responsible for my own actions-forgive me if I hurt you in anyway

(Forgiveness)

**Ponēyitamātowin** is a magic word for me in order to heal-to nurture  
**nitacahkom.**