

June 2, 2021



Mr. Ted Fransen
Pembina Trails School Division Superintendent of
Education
181 Henlow Bay
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Dear Mr. Ted Fransen and the Board of Trustees,

I came to Canada from Nigeria. I am surprised to hear that my school in Canada is named after a man who started residential schools and supported residential schools. He also suggested that children who were neglected by their family or were in foster care type positions be put in their own school that was structured like a prison. This makes me feel sad and ashamed and I don't want my school to be named after that man. So, we need to change the name of Ryerson School to another name. Ryerson School cannot be the name of my school anymore.

Sincerely,

Grade Five Student at **Newly Named School**

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Dear Mr. Ted Fransen and the Board of Trustees,

I go to Ryerson School. Now I have learned that our school was named after Egerton Ryerson. Egerton Ryerson helped make all the residential schools. Residential schools made First Nation kids suffer and tore their families apart. I demand that all the names that have Ryerson in it should be changed. When I went to Ryerson School, I was so happy to say I went to Ryerson School. But when Ms. Allen told me about the bad things Egerton Ryerson did, it made me not like the name Ryerson School anymore. I love my school, but I don't want this name anymore. I want to be happy to say my school name and the name Ryerson now makes me sad.

Sincerely,

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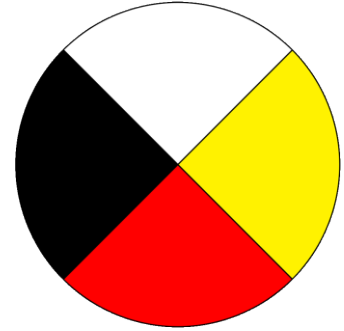
Have you ever had someone treat you badly because of who you are? Have you ever been treated badly by visitors in your own home? This is what happened to our First Nation people. Ryerson School was named after a cruel man named Egerton Ryerson. This man supported the bad things that happened to First Nations children because of residential schools. He didn't care about First Nations people and this is their home. How would you feel if you had to go to a school named after a man that destroyed your language and your culture? How will this help heal our First Nations people?

We need to change the name of Ryerson School and all places that have the name Ryerson in them.

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Dear Mr. Ted Fransen and the Board of Trustees,

I have to say that I am shocked to hear that the school I go to and I learn in is named after a person called Egerton Ryerson. He was one of the people who created residential schools. I heard of Canada as such a great country but then I learned about residential schools and First Nation cruelty. I learned about the suffering of many First Nation children, some that were only three years old, and I will never in my whole life stand for this abuse. I WILL NOT STAND FOR THIS. We need to change the name of Ryerson School. My family came to Canada because it was such a great and safe place, but Canada has a dark past and we cannot move on from the past until the school's name is changed.

Ryerson School is not my school anymore and I will not be able to learn in this school unless the name is changed.

Sincerely,

Grade Five Student at **Newly Named School**