

Write a Letter to Dr. Peter Henderson Bryce on Orange Shirt Day

Send your letters to:

Dr. Peter Henderson Bryce
c/o Beechwood Cemetery
280 Beechwood Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario K1L 8A6

Example Letter



(Date)

Dear Dr. Peter Henderson Bryce,

Thank you for all you have done to make sure that Canadians knew about the people who were running the residential schools and how they were harming First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children in the early 1900s. The kids got really sick. Many caught deadly diseases like tuberculosis and experienced other horrible things caused by the people running the schools. We know that the Government of Canada didn't want to listen when you told them what was happening at the schools. We also know they didn't want to spend money to make sure that the schools were safe and comfy for all First Nations, Inuit, and Métis kids. Still, you did your best to make sure that all people living in Canada were aware of what was happening to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children.

Dr. Bryce, this September, I will learn more about you and how I can reconcile history in the spirit of truth and reconciliation. I will also read *Spirit Bear: Echoes of the Past* and learn about how important it is to hear about the complete and true story of the relationship between First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities and the Government of Canada. I plan to send letters to decision-makers who work in the government in my province/territory of and for my city/township of and ask them to fully implement the *Spirit Bear Plan* and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action.

Truth-telling is an important process in reconciliation so thank you again for always telling the truth. I promise to do the same.

Sincerely,

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(Your Name)



What else can your letter look like?

Here are example questions that can guide you to write your letter:

- Why does reconciliation matter to me?
- What have I learned about residential schools? Why is learning about the residential school system an important process to reconcile history?
- What is my personal commitment/promise to truth-telling and reconciliation?

