# First Nations student deaths inquest hears from mother of Paul Panacheese

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The inquest into the deaths of seven First Nations students in Thunder Bay, Ont., heads into its fourth day on Thursday when the jury is expected to hear testimony from one of the students' family members for the first time.

The inquest is looking into the circumstances surrounding the deaths of seven young people between the ages of 15 and 21, all of whom came to Thunder Bay from remote First Nations in northern Ontario to attend high school.

Their deaths occurred between 2000 and 2011.

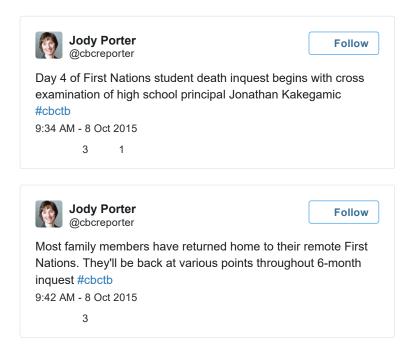
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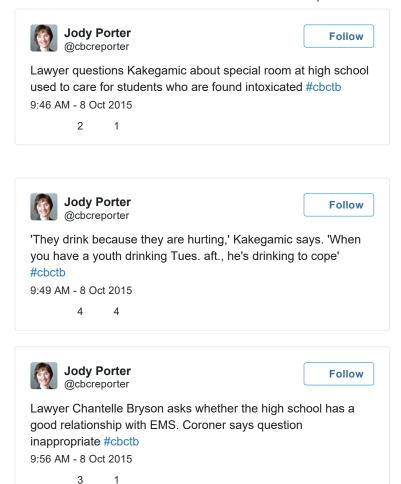
The first days of two days of testimony were taken up with pathology and toxicology reports for all seven deaths, information about the First Nations education authority that runs the school that six of the seven students attended, and a tour of that school.

On Thursday, Maryanne Panacheese, the mother of 21-year-old Paul Panacheese, who died in 2006, was expected to testify.

Here is a look at the some of the proceedings on Thursday from the CBC reporter in the courtroom.

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With jury excused, tensions among lawyers rise. Lawyers complain to coroner about missed deadlines, lack of communication  $\underline{\text{\#cbctb}}$ 

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Panacheese says she went to bed and then heard her son collapse on the floor in the kitchen #cbctb

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'I tried to wake him up, I said Paul get up, go sleep in your bed or on the couch,' Panacheese says of her son.

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Coroner intercedes 'that presupposes that every incident of egg throwing is an an act of racism' #cbctb

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'I told him just to co-exist with non-natives, that's the way it has got to be,' Panacheese says about advice she gave to her son #cbctb

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'I told him not to say bad things or treat anybody bad that's not his race,' Panacheese says. #cbctb

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After eggs were thrown at her son in the city, Panacheese says she told him not to respond to negative attitudes of others #cbctb

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'I have enormous respect for you to be able to come here and tell us about your son,' coroner says as Panacheese wraps up testimony #cbctb

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Next witness, is testifying remotely via video hook-up. Court staff struggles to get audio working. #cbctb

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