



# The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Of Michigan

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Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways is proud to announce its changing exhibit entitled: *Debwewin – Truth, The Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Experience*. The exhibit will open on Saturday, March 15, 2014, at noon to the public until September 30, 2014.

The Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School belongs to a period of time known as the Era of Stolen Children or the American Indian holocaust. This Federal school “educated” and systematically assimilated an average enrollment of three hundred students per year from 1893-1934. Administrative records indicate that only five children perished while attending the school during its 41-years of operation. To date, Ziibiwing researchers have identified over two hundred undocumented deaths directly to this institution.

**DEBWEWIN/TRUTH:** *The Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Experience* reveals the historical and archaeological research of the school, as well as the present-day impact on individuals, families, and communities. We invite you to learn about this dark chapter in our history – an American history that has been absent from most text books and historical narratives.

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