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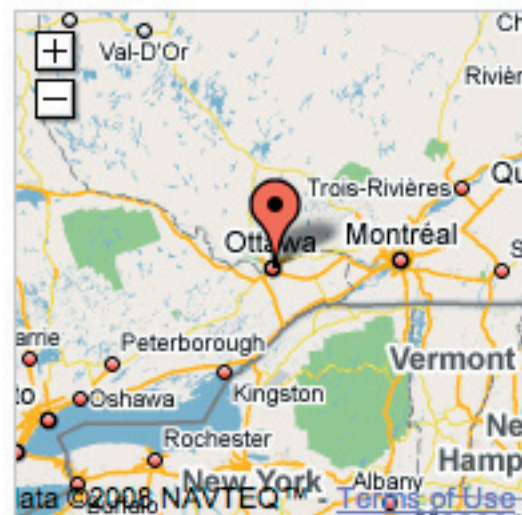
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Kids calling for a decent school will anchor national native day of action

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OTTAWA — Thousands of people will gather in the capital and across Canada on Thursday for a national native day of action.

The Assembly of First Nations has asked participants to hold peaceful demonstrations that target child poverty. The assembly says no major road or rail blockades are planned although police say they're ready for any disruption.

Kids from Attawapiskat in northern Ontario will take centre stage in Ottawa to ask for something most kids take for granted: a decent school.

Elementary pupils have been housed in portables for eight years with no access to their own gym, science lab or library.

They have to disrupt another classroom to use the washroom, and are sometimes sent home in winter because the windows and doors don't fully close.