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## Aboriginal students protest shoddy school

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Toronto -- Students from a Northern Ontario aboriginal community relegated for years to a makeshift school rallied hundreds of their provincial peers in Toronto yesterday in a bid to gain a proper school.

Elementary schoolchildren living in Attawapiskat, a fly-in community on the coast of James Bay, have been schooled in seven portable buildings since 2000.

That's when J. R. Nagokee School was closed because children were becoming sick from a massive diesel spill underneath the building since 1979.

Chelsea Edwards, 13, said the portables are cold, have cracked walls, doors that don't shut properly and vermin.

Attawapiskat and government officials say a new school for 600 students would cost \$30-million.

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