

# **NANA Construction Co. to rebuild Alakanuk School**

WASHINGTON-The children of Alakanuk, Alaska, at the mouth of the Yukon River, have braved storms, ice flows and wild animals to get to school. Travelling two miles over the river in crowded boats or sleds, they have suffered frostbite and illness from their journey to school.

And when they got there, they found a building that was perilously close to being washed away by the mighty river.

Now, after years of controversy and a revolt last summer by local parents, the Bureau of Indian Affairs says it will rebuild its school at Alakanuk.

Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, who has urged the new construction for more than a year, announced that a \$2 million contract has been awarded to the Native-owned NANA Construction Co. to completely rebuild the facility in a location closer to the village.