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Sinead Hartnett, Cecil Street, at the Garryowen Rugby Club fashion show in club pavillion on Picture: O OWEN SOUTH

City schools fail quality test

By EUGENE PHELAN

HUNDREDS school children in Limerick city are each day attending classes in "seriously substandard schools."

And the Irish National Teachers Organisation want the Department of Education to replace five school buildings in the city with proper modern buildings.

Six schools in the city area have been highlighted in an INTO survey of schools "currently deemed seriously substandard," Tom O'Sullivan, INTO National executive member

one of the schools - St. housed in two different Senan's, Island Road,

The other national schools are at Mildford Grange. Castletroy, Limerick School for the Deaf, Rosbrien, Limerick School Project, Cecil Street, St Gabriel's Special School, St Joseph's Street and Gaelscoil Seoirse Clancy. Southill.

The problem at Milford Grange is overcrowding while at the School for the Deaf the children are in Pre-Fabricated buildings that are 20 years old.

St.Senan's, according to the INTO needs refurbishment including new doors, windows and flooring; while the 200 children at buildings and need a new school.

The handicapped at St Gabriel's have for years been promised a new school on a green field site, but are still waiting with the Gaelscoil in Southill is conducted in a "porto-cabin" according to Mr O'Sullivan.

He said that at part of the PESP agreement the Government had promised that all substandard schools would be subject to a £20 million spending programme by 1997. This, he says, they should insist upon before any new agreements are reached.

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