

OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Parent worried about strangers in schools

Dear Editor:

Although I've voted many times before, I never paid attention to the way the polls were set up. This year, however, was different.

I don't know if it's because I have children in school or whether it has more to do with the problems of strangers around our schools. Their presence has created a larger degree of awareness about school security and who's coming and going.

So what takes place on election day after the schools have talked to the kids about strangers and tried to take some precautionary measures (anyone without a name tag doesn't belong)?

They open the doors of the school to who knows how many strangers. No wonder the children get confused.

I'm confused. Personally, I felt that it wasn't and isn't necessary for voters to enter the main school itself to vote. I don't know about all schools, but I do know that most of the polls in my area were set up in

the gyms.

A majority of schools have separate outside entrances to their gyms, which is why I can't figure out why those entrances were not used.

Maybe some schools were different but the ones I checked on had no one monitoring the halls to make sure that these people (strangers) were going straight to the gym and then back out immediately.

I think a better set-up should be contemplated because to me this is not safe. Is there a reason, for example, why people could not enter and exit the polls by the outside door and have the interior gym doors locked?

I think this is something that should be thought about and considered before another election of any kind takes place. Most parents will agree that our children's safety is our number one priority. Isn't that what voting and our future are all about?

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