



WHAT READERS THINK

June 27: Prorogation secrecy, and other letters to the editor

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Empathy, respect

As Margaret Wentz (Cosmic Justice? Bully For Us – June 26) says, the main issue has been sidetracked by the outpouring of compassion and outrage over the bus bullies story: How and why did this incident happen? The reasons are myriad, but the means to try to avoid future incidents is clear. Tolerance education and the imperative to teach our children compassion and kindness for others is paramount.

Our solution is to help youth learn strategies on how not to be a bystander, and our programs, which teach over 10,000 students every year effective methods of intervention, are crucial if we are to make any progress in the fight against bullying and other forms of hate. In the long run the teaching of empathy and respect is the only effective approach.

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