

Under the heading "Brainwashers" this letter was published in the Calgary Herald, Oct 24 2007:

Sir,

More choice makes for better quality, Oct 18 2007, Preston Manning.

Preston Manning praised independent schools in Alberta but there was glaring avoidance of an issue which has surfaced in other parts of Canada: faith schools It is time for Alberta to give serious thought to eliminating these organisations from the education scene, the sooner the better.

Faith schools do not "educate" their children in their version of a true religion but rather they indoctrinate them. My understanding is that so long as the Alberta curriculum is taught there is nothing to stop faith schools from brainwashing their wards with such dogma as creationism. Surely, this is not the education we want any Alberta child to have.

The faith school issue, so prominent in the recent Ontario election, is a clear call for Alberta also to address the dangers of indoctrinating children in any religious mythology. In no case should public funding be given to so-called faith schools.

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