**Article of the Week #3**

**Directions:**

1. **Show evidence of a close reading (highlighting key points and making notes in the margins – can be questions, thoughts, confusion, etc.)**
2. **Answer the question at the bottom of the article in paragraph form.**

# Dollarama's 1-student-in-store policy called discriminatory

### Policy counts as discrimination, human rights lawyer says

[CBC News](http://www.cbc.ca/news/cbc-news-online-news-staff-list-1.1294364)Posted: Oct 15, 2014 6:36 PM ETLast Updated: Oct 15, 2014 8:06 PM ET

A downtown Toronto Dollarama store's policy to only allow one student in at a time to prevent stealing isn't sitting well with local high school students who pop by the shop for a treat on their lunch hour.

The Dollarama, located in Toronto's Annex neighbourhood near Bloor Street West and Bathurst Street, only permits one high school student to enter at a time. Two hired security guards enforce the policy, while other customers walk in and out without being stopped.

A Dollarama store in Toronto's Annex neighbourhood is under fire for only allowing 1 high-school student into the store at a time. (CBC News)

The store has increased its security measures to ensure employee safety following disruptive behaviour from groups of students, Dollarama said in a statement.

"Everybody's not stealing," says James, a student at nearby Central Technical School. "We walk in there, buy our stuff."

He complained that the store is keeping students waiting out in the cold.

But, a nearby store owner, Soo Yoo, reports having similar problems. She's hired her niece to help out — only during lunch hour.

She's tried telling the students to come into her store in smaller groups, but says they mostly ignore her.

Still, human rights lawyer Kate Sellar says Dollarama's actions count as discrimination.

"You have to provide services equally," she says, "and you can't treat people differently based on their age."

But Dollarama says the large-group policy is in place at all of its stores. At the Annex location, high school students happen to be the ones coming in large groups because of the store's proximity to schools with big student populations.

**Response Question (answer in paragraph form and staple to this sheet): Do you believe that Dollarama’s actions are an example of discrimination? Or do you think these actions are necessary to protect the employees? Explain.**