

Students recoil from anti-abortion photos

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Standing outside Forster high school around noon Monday, Brittany Wigly, Megan Toye and Rachel Finney kept their backs to the street.

Behind them was a man holding a large placard with a photo of an aborted fetus.

"I think that's gross," said Wigly, 18. "I'm honestly going to puke if I look at them.

"I don't believe in abortion either, but I don't want to see that."

"That" was a group of about 30 demonstrators scattered along the sidewalk holding graphic signs denouncing abortion from the anti-abortion group Show the Truth, who arrived at the

school without warning. "I got grossed out because of all the cut-up babies," said Ahmet Osmanoğlu, 18. "But it's a good thing. It's a good topic to protest about."

Anti-abortion protesters targeted high schools in Windsor Monday. In the past, activists had demonstrated on busy street corners and in front of homes of local doctors who perform abortions.

"You're asking me why we're here?" said the group's Windsor co-ordinator Earl Annoyte. "This is where Planned Parenthood looks to get their clients and future clients."

On Monday morning, police said they got a call from Assumption high school saying protesters were on school property. Staff had asked the



GRISLY IMAGES: Protester Elaine Arnsby takes part in an anti-abortion protest outside Forster high school Monday. The group Show The Truth used graphic posters to target area high schools in hopes of spreading their message.

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protesters to move off school property and stop harassing students, said Catholic school board spokesman Tim Halford.

"Our students felt harassed and were very upset with the way they were treated," he said.

One demonstrator, 18-year-old Alissa Golob, said a student at the school threw soup at one elderly person holding a placard.

Halford said while the board supported the premise of the protest it disagreed with the methods.