

STATEMENTS IN MEDIA: MY SCHOOL 2014

Western Advocate

"There should never be an argument against providing more information to the public and that is exactly what My School does. Taking down the website would do nothing to improve the lot of struggling and under-resourced schools: it would simply hide their problems from public gaze.

You can understand the minister's interest in doing just that, but what would the teachers gain?

Only by exposing discrepancies in school resourcing and funding can teachers' unions ever hope to fix them. My school should be their greatest ally, not fears enemy".

Source: My School is a friend, not a foe. Western Advocate, 8 March 2014

Sydney Morning Herald, Letters to the Editor

"The site provides the only readily accessible research tool which can show, for instance, the achievements of particular schools and the difference in various states' achievements. Analysis of what those schools or states or systems are doing, can then follow. We surely need more use of educational research and results, not less".

Source: Don't stop there, Minister (Letters to the editor), Elizabeth Jones, Sydney Morning Herald

The Chronicle

"I think for some families it does provide some useful information that might allow them to differentiate between schools in different areas."

Source: Website reveals Toowoomba's best performing schools. <u>Gen Kennedy, The Chronicle, 6</u> <u>March 2014</u>

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"The results from NAPLAN have led to new education initiative and policies being developed which will result in better outcomes for our children," [SA Minister for Education] Ms Rankine said.

"By having a nationally uniform testing, parents and the community can be sure that all students are aiming for, and being assessed against, the same set of standards."

Source: What NAPLAN results mean for schools, teachers, students and families, <u>Jordanna Schriever,</u> <u>The Advertiser, 5 March 2014</u>