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**'Don't play politics with the future of Public Education!'**

The Federation of Parents and Citizens' Association supports the actions of our national parent organization, ACSSO and once again calls for action against the publication of league tables. Last week the Sydney Morning Herald proved how easy it is for the results to be separated from the information and presented as a league table.

"The information in these tables is not contextual and does not produce the whole picture of a school or student achievement" claims Ms. Giblin, New South Wales P&C Federation President "They are nothing more than a snapshot that should be used by teachers in planning not be made into a list for comparing students and schools"

Mrs Giblin states that "publishing this data could not only unfairly embarrass schools but it will isolate many schools particularly in disadvantaged areas."

Data is already readily available for decision makers to investigate comparable schools and allocate funding to assist and improve. New South Wales has outstanding support for schools to analyze their data and parents receive a comprehensive Annual School Report

The funds used to set up the website and to collate this data should not be used to play politics. This money could be redirected to have a positive effect on teaching and learning in Australia

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