

Minister, Don't Blame Educators for Poor NAPLAN Results

Federal Minister for Education Simon Birmingham, has blamed educators after today's release of the 2017 NAPLAN National Report revealed stagnating results in basic literacy and numeracy. P&C Federation rejects the Federal Minister's claim that blame our educators for the flat-lined results.

P&C Federation Vice President Joel Matthews commented, "What Minister Birmingham needs to understand is deflecting blame on our education professionals is not the solution to achieving great NAPLAN results."

"Instead, taking responsibility to ensure sufficient skilled teachers in areas of literacy and numeracy along with focussing on raising the levels of teacher training that universities provide, after all this is his responsibility. "

Mr. Matthews went on to say, "The governments continue to overcrowd the educational curriculum. Overcrowding restricts teachers from covering the content they must teach and what this essentially means is, our students are missing out on learning due to lack of time. As a peak parent body in NSW, we want to know what measures are being taken here by Minister Birmingham to address the overcrowding in curriculum?"

"How does Minister Birmingham expect our students to excel in NAPLAN assessments by blaming teachers. NAPLAN fails to be a fair assessment of our children's skills and it's time to change the focus of this assessment from a generalised testing to more curriculum based testing."

"Assessing our children's literacy and numeracy skills while failing to provide quality training for teachers is simply not going to turn the tables. It's just politics with education!"

P&C Federation calls on Minister Birmingham to address his responsibilities and be more accountable rather than deflecting blame.

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