

From:
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I am a concerned parent of a third grader, and I am also a teacher in the ACT. I hold very strong opinions in regard to the misuse of NAPLAN data and the way it has already been used to mislead and misinform the public on the Myschools website.

I have no objections to NAPLAN...or the equivalent performance measuring tests that have been used in the ACT system for years. I DO, however, have an issue with the data being used to represent an entire school's performance.

I am very happy with the ACT Public school that my child attends. He has wonderful teachers, great friends, and through the school, we feel part of a wonderful wider community. Our school did not have a very rosey picture painted when the MYSchools data went live this year. Instead of happy, excited parents and children on the first day back this year, I was met at the front of the school with anxious, concerned parents who were doubting their choice of school. (Despite being happy the week before!)

This is a very destructive and quick way to undermine years of excellent work from the teachers.