



# Did you know...?

The Ministry of Education website provides a tool, accessible from its main page, called the School Information Finder (SIF). It allows parents and the public in general, to sift through every school in the province, comparing data based on “student achievement” as reported by EQAO. Also included is demographic information on each school, comparing the percentage of students:

- from lower-income households
- whose parents have some university education
  - who receive special education services
    - identified as gifted
  - whose first language is not English/French
- who are new to Canada from a non-English/non-French speaking country

Although the Minister of Education has repeatedly stated that she is opposed to the ranking of schools based on EQAO scores, this site provides the means and encourages parents to “shop around” for schools. Members of the Education Partnership Table, which includes parents, teacher federations and Board administrators have all spoken against the School Information Finder and have repeatedly asked Minister Wynne to have it removed from the site.

Visit the ETFO website to learn more about the SIF and to find out how you can voice your opinion.

[www.etfo.ca](http://www.etfo.ca)

Click on “Issues in Education” and then “School Information Finder”.