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Once again, without any apparent concern for comprehensive research, the public of B.C. has been subjected to the drivel of the ranking of schools by the unproductive minds at the Fraser Institute. The “apples to oranges” comparisons that are produced on an annual basis continue to overly simplify some very complex situations in our education system ... and these rankings should continue to be treated as such.

Despite the feeble opposition to these rankings that the Ministry of Education offers every year ... they do nothing to help address the harm that the Fraser Institute continues to promote. How much insight does it take for our Ministry masterminds to realize that being told that you’re “dumb and stupid”, as is basically what’s being said to some of the more challenged schools in the Province on a yearly basis, would certainly affect the confidence and moral that is such an important part of productive learning. As long as the apparent agenda of creating greater divide between public and private education is a motivating factor of our Provincial Government ... it is unlikely that anything positive will be done to address this issue.

Burnaby Teacher’s Association President Richard Storch recently put the rankings in perspective by stating that “We do not produce products. We work with students with varying backgrounds and varying needs.” Burnaby’s public schools continue to produce amazing students ... and even better people ... and all of us remain very proud of that.

Thank goodness for weekly garbage day ... because that’s where the Fraser Institute’s school rankings belong.

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