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Is ranking of schools in national examination a reflection of school performance? The ministry of education stopped ranking of schools according to performance in national examinations with the announcement of 2014 examination results. The reasons given are that ranking does not take into account performance of the students in other aspects of student learning such as in co-curricular activities. Those who propose doing away with school ranking also argue that it encourages illegal methods such as cheating to improve school performance in national examinations. Those who support ranking argue that it encourages competition among schools thereby improving the quality of education. The political leaders and parents strongly feel that the ministry of education should revert to school ranking and members of parliament passed a motion compelling the government to reintroduce school ranking. This paper will present a synthesis of research on school ranking and performance. This is in an attempt to answer the question is whether the performance of students in national examinations is an indication of the quality of a school or just one part of students’ performance.

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