Parents aided student improvement: SDSS

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Stouffville District Secondary School is up 0.3 to 7.0 and the school placed 222 out of 740 Ontario high schools in the Fraser Institute's annual rankings released Sunday.

"People need to remember it's a ranking. It's one assessment of how people are doing ... it's one way of looking at our performance," said Reid Wilshire, principal at Whitchurch-Stouffville's only high school.

The Report Card on Ontario's Secondary

Schools 2014, ranks 740 public, Catholic and some private secondary schools based on seven academic indicators using data from the annual provincewide tests of literacy and math managed by Ontario's Education Quality and Accountability Office.

During the past few years, Stouffville Secondary's administrators have worked on staff professional development and have created the roles of student success teacher as well as literacy teacher.

A strong connection with parents/caregiv-

ers at home has also been established, according to Mr. Wilshire.

"It takes a village to educate a child. We try to walk that walk," he said.

The York Region District School Board does not consider the Fraser rankings added value, spokesperson Licinio Miguelo said.

"There's no evidence the provincial rankings improve student learning," he said. "It doesn't serve a purpose for us. We have our own rich data and use our own ongoing assessments for school improvement purposes."

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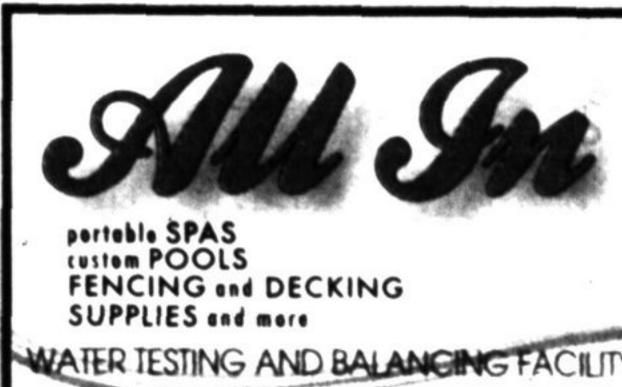
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