

**School-based assessment a good idea but has its weaknesses, says PKR lawmaker**  
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The school-based assessment system is a good idea but was poorly implemented, says a PKR lawmaker.

Seri Setia assemblyman Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad (pic) said SBA gauged student performance more comprehensively than an exam-based system.

“Students will be graded on their project work, assignments and volunteering activities, a step away from the traditional grading system that assesses students solely on their examinations.

“However, the implementation of this policy has exposed various weaknesses which are the cause of difficulties for teachers, parents and more importantly, students,” the Selangor deputy assembly speaker said during a press conference at the PKR headquarters today.

A group of teachers had planned a protest over the weekend against SBA but it has been put on hold until further notice.

Director-general of education Datuk Dr Khair Mohamad Yusof said the Education Ministry would only announce the results of the SBA review after Education Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin was satisfied with the proposed improvements.

He did not specify how long the review would take.

SBA was implemented in 2011 starting with Primary One pupils. In 2012, the ministry started implementing the SBA in all Form One classes.

It is part of the government’s efforts to produce more well-rounded students, instead of those purely excelling in studies.

Nik Nazmi said the ministry had failed to put in place the infrastructure needed to implement the system.

He said instructions coming from the top needed to be made clear as teachers, parents and students were still confused over its implementation.

“Teachers have called saying that they are receiving conflicting instructions from their headmasters and the ministry,”

He urged the ministry to suspend all disciplinary action against teachers involved in protesting against the implementation of the SBA.

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