

Muhyiddin suggests raising school progress score to boost education standard
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Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today proposed that the Malaysian Education Quality Standard (SKPM) score, an indicator for a school's level of progress, be raised to 50% from 30% currently.

The SKPM and School Average Grade (GPS) are the combination composite score to qualify a headmaster/headmistress for the New Deal Payment Incentive (BIBT).

Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister, said in producing holistic students, the combination composite score of 70% for GPS based on examination and 30% for SKPM was not very suitable.

"As the SKPM is an indicator for schools' level of progress and students' performance, I propose that the SKPM score be raised to 50%."

Muhyiddin said after five years of implementation, the ministry was now reviewing the TBGB so as to be in tandem with the changes in the national education system.

He also suggested that school heads, who had received the BITB more than three times, be considered for a transfer to help develop other schools.

"I believe the injection of experience and expertise will help many more schools to receive the BIBT.

"But let's not allow it be that with this announcement, next year the school heads concerned will no longer continue with their excellent work because they don't want to get transferred."

Today 264 school heads received the BITB, with 12 of them having received it five times. Sarawak had the biggest number of recipients at 60, followed by Johor at 32 and Perak and Terengganu, 27 each. – Bernama, May 12, 2015.

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