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1. Do you have children who attend or will attend to a primary school?

Yes, I have two daughters in primary school.

2. Do you think it is important to choose a school for primary school education level?

Absolutely. Since primary school is the first step of education, our experiences here are of great importance for the rest of our lives. Habits such as the love of reading books gained in primary school play a great role in establishing our identity that makes us who we are. Therefore, great importance should be given to this period. As parents, it is our most important task to choose schools where our children can get a good education.

3. Which criteria do you give importance to when choosing a primary school for your children?

Teacher student ratio is important. The number of teachers in schools should be sufficient. Counseling teachers should be able to take care of each student sufficiently. Especially at this primary school level, it is much more important. The criteria for school ranking should also consist of measurable quantitative metrics. As an example, the past exam scores of the students in the relevant schools can be given. I have no idea how this is achieved at primary school level though. In addition, extracurricular activities in schools can be counted.

4. How did you choose the primary school your children go to? What were the difficulties you had in choosing a primary school? Can you tell me about your experience on this subject?

When we were looking school for our eldest daughter, we asked our friends and neighbors. At the same time, we preferred that the school be close to the house we live in. Unfortunately, we did not have a chance to examine criteria such as teacher quality, as there is no system that offers detailed scoring of schools. Since we were satisfied with our eldest daughter's school performance, we then enrolled our youngest daughter in the same school.

5. Do you have an idea about the organizations that rank universities around the world and the parameters that these organizations take as a basis for university ranking?

Yes, like QS World University rankings. University level rankings are easy. You can count on the metrics like citations, research, industry income and international reputation. But in primary school level you can easily rank the schools.

6. If there were an organization that offers such a ranking criterion throughout the country for the primary school level, would this ranking be important for you in choosing a primary school?

Yes. Definitely. If the ranking will be prepared by the organizations that make a detailed analysis of primary schools, I would definitely consider them.

7. What kind of criteria should be included in the ranking of primary schools?

Ratio of the students to a teacher. I don't know may be quality of the teachers based on the parental reviews. Distance between school and the house.

8. Although it is not as comprehensive as the university ranking, are you aware of the current organizations that rank primary schools? If yes did the rankings in this organizations give you an idea when choosing a primary school?

Google has rankings about some of the schools. May be there is some educational agencies.

9. What kind of functionalities should primary school ranking organizations offer?

They should offer attributes like parent reviews like a product reviews on Amazon. Reviewers should be kept anonymous. Maybe facilities and clubs that schools have.

10. Finally, is there anything you would like to add that was not covered?

No.