

# Forum on Parents and Schooling

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PANEL I  
Every School a Good School – Myth or Reality?

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An illustration of a diverse group of people, including children and adults, standing in a cityscape. In the background, there are modern buildings and a large white lion sculpture. The scene is set against a blue sky with white clouds. The text 'MOULDING THE FUTURE OF OUR NATION' is written in bold black letters in the upper right corner. A semi-transparent grey box with the text 'Every School a Good School Myth or Reality?' is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

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THE FUTURE  
OF OUR NATION**

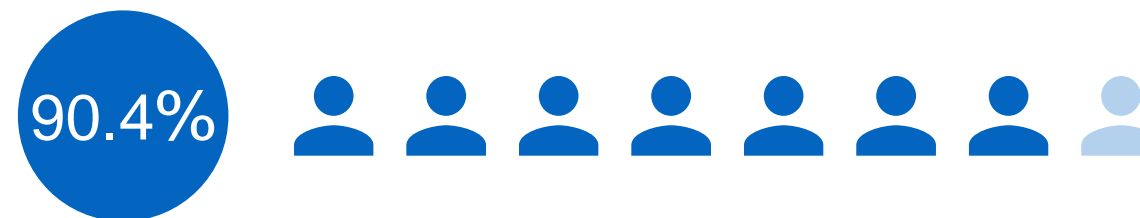
**Every School a Good School  
Myth or Reality?**

# IPS Findings

Every School a Good School. Myth or Reality?

Confidence in  
our education  
system

Most primary schools in Singapore provide a high quality education.



Singapore's education system caters to students of different styles and pace of learning.



Parent satisfaction with the school their child is in.



Parent  
satisfaction  
with schools



# Our Education System has been Evolving...



**Survival Driven**  
**1959-1978**  
Period of  
Industrialisation



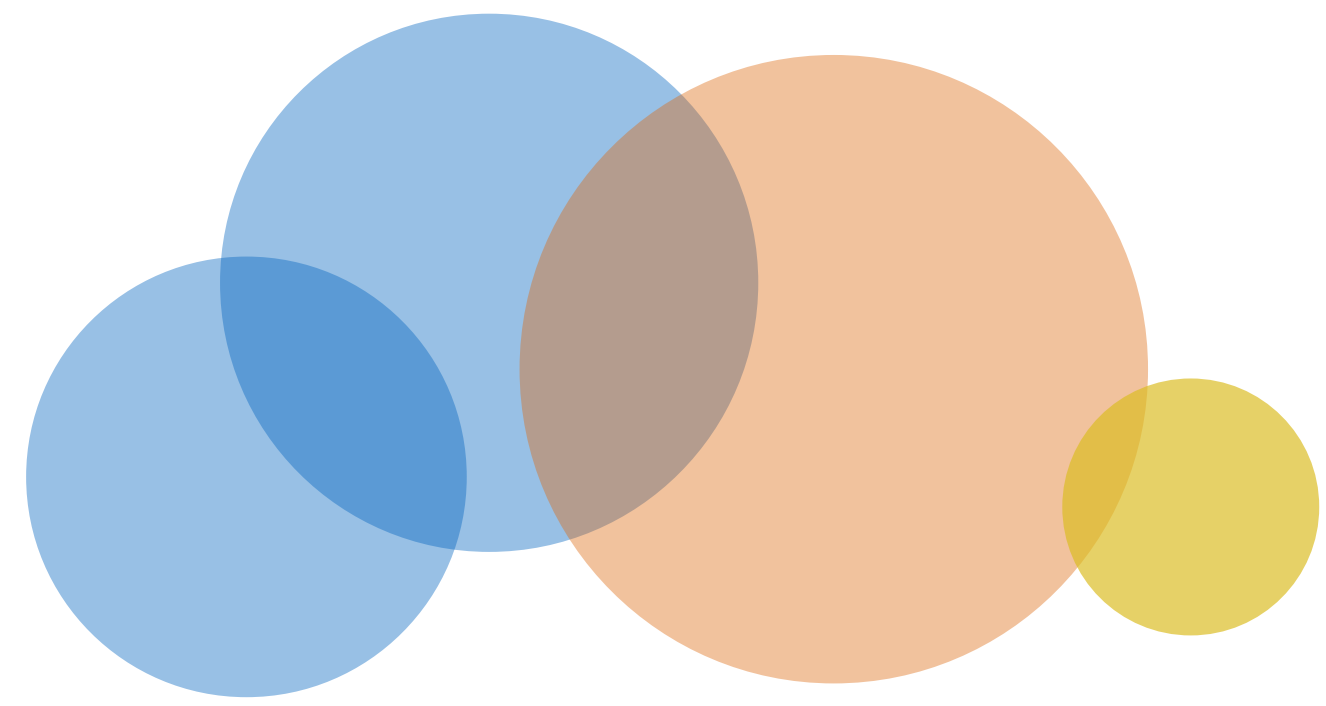
**Efficiency Driven**  
**1979-1996**  
Skills/ Capital  
intensive economy



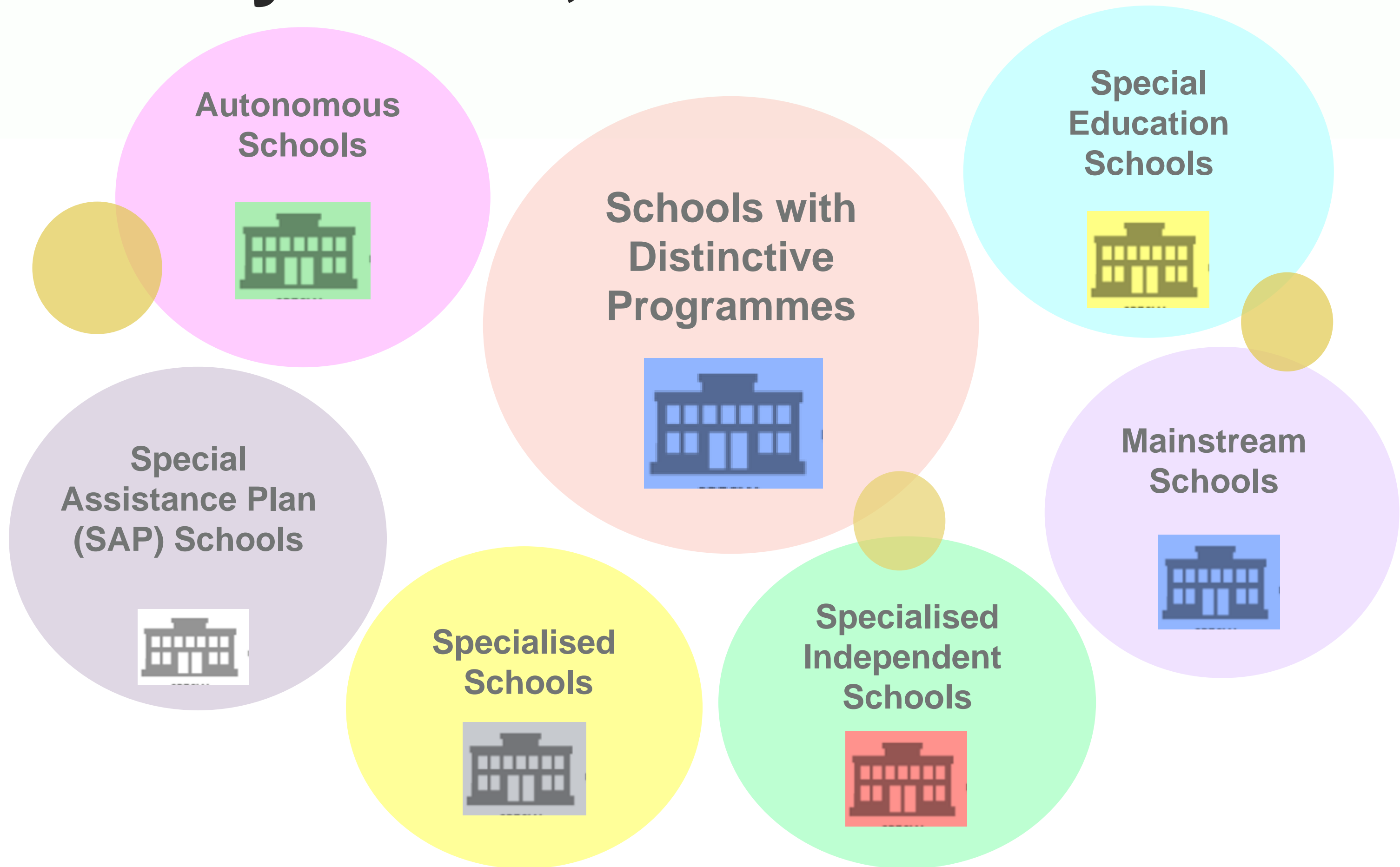
**Ability Driven**  
**1997-2011**  
Knowledge-Based  
Economy



**Student-Centric**  
**Values Driven**  
**2012 Onwards**  
Innovation Driven



# Many Paths, New Possibilities



# Catering to Different Strengths and Interests

Subject Based Banding (SBB)

Aptitude based admissions in polytechnics & ITE



A group of female volleyball players in blue and white uniforms are huddled together on a court, smiling and looking down. The background shows a volleyball net and other players. Overlaid on the image are several semi-transparent colored circles in shades of orange, green, and yellow, which serve as a design element for the text.

# Holistic Education

DSA

Character and  
Citizenship  
Education

Learning  
for Life  
Program  
(LLP)



# Supporting Joy of Learning and Lifelong Learners

Applied Learning Program (ALP)

Shift in Pedagogies

SkillsFuture

Skills Mastery

# Shifting role of education

## Going beyond grades: Evolving the Singapore education system



1 of 2 Primary school pupils at Dairy Farm Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre on April 5. MOE is currently running a pilot outdoor adventure camp programme at the centre which it hopes to roll out across schools. ST PHOTO: JAMIE KOH

Singapore

### Education system is going through an 'overwhelming adjustment': Ong Ye Kung

Noting that no major fiscal shifts were announced in Budget 2017, Mr Ong likened the education system to a computer that remained unchanged, even as the operating system inside is changing.



Singapore

### Education system needs to be adaptive to respond to changing needs: Ng Chee Meng

"It is incredibly hard for us now to predict what the future will look like. But I know that if we help our children understand their strengths and develop their innate skills, they will succeed," said the Acting Minister for Education for Schools, in his first official address.



# Shifting role of education

## Is a degree really all-important?

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Sandra Davie Senior Education Correspondent

LAST year in his National Day Rally speech, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong had som

## Grades are not the only pathway to success, says community group



Mr Dean Yap, co-founder of 100 Voices, with his wife and three children. ST PHOTO: LAU FOOK KONG

Singapore

## Education about helping students find themselves, not grades: SIM Global Education CEO

Dr Lee Kwok Cheong goes On The Record with 938LIVE's Bharati Jagdish on why helping students discover their strengths and weaknesses beats getting them to score well in exams, and trends to look out for in the education sector.



Singapore

## PSLE changes unlikely to eliminate pressure unless parents change mindsets: Parents, teachers

Parents and teachers Channel NewsAsia spoke to say changes to the PSLE scoring system will not eliminate pressure unless parents change their mindsets

By Lianne Chia

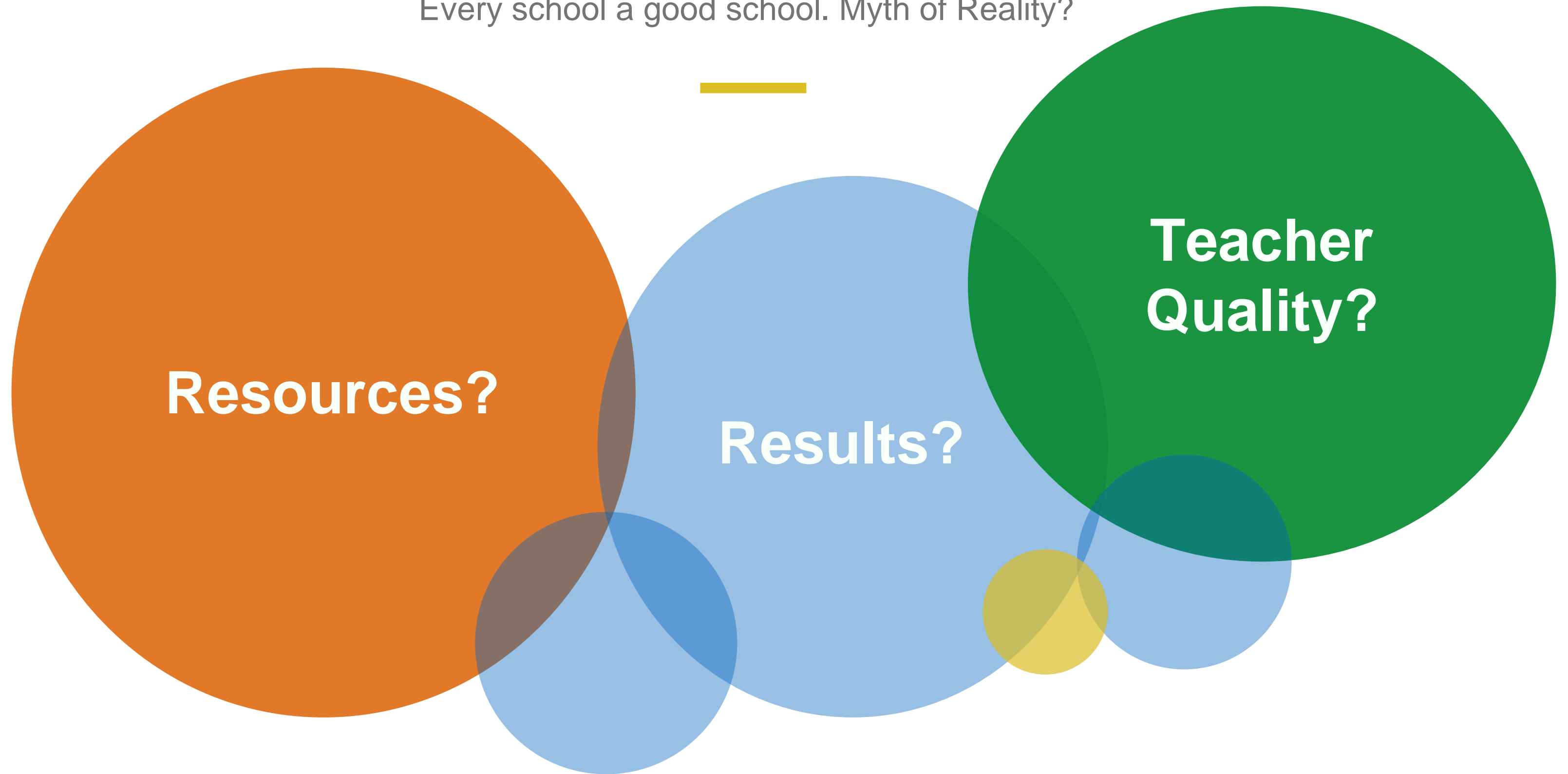
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SINGAPORE: Following the revamp of the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) announced by the Education Ministry on Wednesday (Jul 13), parents and teachers Channel NewsAsia spoke to do not believe the new system will reduce the stress on students. Instead, they pointed out the need for parents and students to change the way they view the PSLE, and the education system as a whole.

# Why are we still skeptical?

Every school a good school. Myth of Reality?



**How do we  
change the  
lens with  
which we view  
a school?**

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To bring out the best in every child with a well-rounded education focusing on values and love for lifelong learning requires **a mindset shift and school-home-community partnership**



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