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Minister for Education Gustav Fridolin comments on the PISA results

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The PISA 2015 results are a show of strength for Sweden's teachers and pupils. Hard work makes a difference; we know this in the classroom and it has now been demonstrated in improved eligibility from year nine and better performance in two independent assessments of knowledge. At the same time, however, social gaps are widening. The conditions under which you grow up now influence your performance more in Sweden than in many other OECD countries. We can never accept this. It is your performance in school that should determine your future, not the home you grow up in. The PISA results are gratifying, but they place demands on policy. We will continue to prioritise more time for teachers, breaking segregation, and providing timely support to pupils. We will leave no one behind.