The Influence of Principal Leadership and Work Ethic of Civil Servant Teachers on Teacher Performance

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Abstract

The function of principal leadership in the successful delivery of education in schools is critical. It is possible to optimize the work ethic of teachers in their tasks via strong leadership. It is considered that if leadership is carried out successfully and work ethic is ideal, it would be able to support instructors’ good performance. As a result, the purpose of this study was to determine the impact of a principal's leadership and a teacher’s work ethic on teacher performance. This study was carried out using quantitative research methodologies. According to the findings of this study, the principal's leadership and teacher work ethic had a favorable and substantial impact on the performance of state junior high school teachers, both partially and concurrently.

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A. Introduction

One of the educational issues confronting the Indonesian country is the inadequate quality of education at all levels and units of education, particularly basic and secondary school. Various efforts have been undertaken to improve the quality of education, including teacher training and competency development, the acquisition of books and learning materials, the upgrading of educational facilities and infrastructure, and the improvement of school management quality. However, different indexes of educational quality have not improved significantly. Some schools have shown good outcomes, while the majority of others are still concerned (Rahmadi et al, 2021).

Education in Indonesia has experienced two fundamental shifts in response to societal needs and global advancements. First, the notion of school-based management is put into practice. The adoption of this idea is projected to make school education more democratic, and school management and development may be tailored to the conditions, needs of the community environment, and resources of each school. Second, the curriculum shifts from a material-focused curriculum to a competency-based curriculum. This curriculum stresses that the learning process is based on certain competences that must be attained during the learning
process. This competency-based curriculum is focused on key competencies that students in every grade and school level must learn. Thus, the execution of the learning process is anticipated to ensure students' mastery of competence in the context of their environment.

The application of the idea of school-based management and the establishment of a competency-based curriculum necessitates modifications in assessment implementation. Implementation must be done thoroughly by empowering teachers and schools. To increase the quality of formal education, teachers, together with other factors like as facilities, curriculum, students, management, and book procurement, play an essential role. Because the center of education is teaching and learning, which requires the function of the teacher, the teacher is the key to the success of education (Firman et al, 2021; Susilawati et al, 2021).

According to Sudarminta (2000), teacher quality is not yet optimal, as evidenced by symptoms such as poor mastery of the material being taught; a disparity between the field of study the teacher is studying and the field being taught; a less effective method of teaching; a lack of teacher authority in front of students; a lack of motivation and dedication to become a genuine educator; and an increasing number of teachers who are not truly teachers. Most teachers continue to function as teachers rather than educators in their interactions with pupils.

Meanwhile, Sudjana and Ibrahim (2010) explain that the low public recognition of the teaching profession is caused by some people's belief that anyone can become a teacher as long as they are knowledgeable; a shortage of teachers in remote areas, which provides opportunities to appoint someone who does not have the expertise to become a teacher; and many teachers who do not appreciate, let alone try to develop, their profession. Feelings of inadequacy as a result of becoming a teacher, abuse of the profession for personal fulfillment and interests, resulting in a decline in the teacher's authority. Syah (2011) provided another point of view, emphasizing the poor level of professional competence among teachers. Teachers' grasp of teaching materials and procedures remains subpar.

As a result, one of the components that play a role in efforts to improve teachers' work ethic is to improve teachers' professionalism, which is characterized by mastering their duties, roles, and competencies, having a high commitment to their profession, and adhering to a learning paradigm not only in the classroom but also for themselves to carry out continuing education. The principal's leadership is one of the additional characteristics that impact teachers' work ethic.

Education implementation contributes to policy decentralization by ensuring that the community is included and participates in educational endeavors. The school principal's broader authority in providing education in schools, including not only formulating the school's vision and mission, but also the authority to formulate policies that directly touch on important internal school issues such as new student admissions, RAPBS, grade promotion norms, graduation norms, local content curriculum, and so on. The duties of administrators and instructors are becoming increasingly complex.

The principal's responsibilities include not just administering the school but also cooperating with and relating directly to the community. The principal is responsible for raising the spirit of the staff of teachers and school employees to work better, building and maintaining kinship, cohesiveness, and unity among teachers, employees, and student learning outcomes, developing a curriculum, knowing the school plan and knowing how to implement it, paying
attention and seeking the welfare of teachers, and so on. This motivates any firm to improve its performance in order to continue to exist and grow in accordance with expectations. Similarly, school principal leadership is anticipated to exist and be able to maximize performance so that they can carry out program activities that provide excellent education. The principal, as the top leader with the most influence and who decides the school's growth, must have administrative skill, great dedication, and flexibility in carrying out his tasks. A competent principal's leadership must be capable of seeking to increase teacher performance through a capacity development program for educators. As a result, the principle must have the personality or characteristics, as well as the competencies and skills, to manage an educational institution. As a leader, the principle must be able to pay attention to the needs and sentiments of those who work in order to ensure that teacher performance is constantly maintained.

Instructors have diverse qualities and actions when it comes to educating students. Some are eager and full of duty, while others perform the work without a feeling of responsibility. There are also teachers who are frequently truant, arrive late, and defy orders. Teachers in such a state are an issue in every formal educational institution. Due to the presence of instructors who perform poorly, schools will struggle to attain the results that teachers anticipate.

According to Kristiawan (2017), the teacher's role is a predictor of the success of the education and learning mission in schools; the teacher is responsible for planning, leading, and establishing a conducive environment that motivates pupils to carry out the learning process. Teachers play an essential role in education and other educational resources; in other words, teachers are the driving force behind initiatives to enhance service quality and educational results. Teacher performance has a direct impact on the level of education received by each student; the better the teacher's performance, the higher the quality of education generated; in other words, if the teacher performs well, the outcomes of the teaching and learning process will be satisfactory.

A teacher is a professional educator whose primary responsibility is to educate, teach, guide, direct, train, assess, and evaluate pupils in early childhood education, basic education, and secondary school. While a professional is a job or activity performed by a person that becomes a source of income for life and needs knowledge, competency, or abilities that meet particular quality standards or norms, it also necessitates professional education (Muslich, 2007). Ongoing and continuous coaching is held to become a professional teacher, and teachers as a workforce must be appreciated and acknowledged for their expertise.

Previously, comparable investigations were undertaken by a number of researchers, including those conducted by (Handayani et al, 2021; Hardono et al, 2017; Herry et al, 2020; Lian & Wardarita, 2021; Maryani et al, 2020). Previous study on the principal's leadership on teacher performance, as well as analyzing numerous other characteristics such as work ethic, is significant to the principal's leadership. However, several of these studies have not evaluated if the principal's leadership variable and the work ethic variable are assessed on teacher performance at the same time. This is what is novel in this study approach, as it can disclose the degree of the effect of the two factors on teacher performance if a joint test is conducted.

Several phenomena have emerged in the field of current education that impede the attainment of intended educational goals. The researchers' initial observations at the Madang Suku I District Junior High School, OKU Timur Regency, revealed that the phenomena that occur include the low work ethic of civil servant teachers as a result of the lack of a control system
carried out by the principal, and the principal who does not know how to lead a good school.

Based on the description above, it is vital to investigate the impact of the principal's leadership and the work ethic of civil servant instructors as one of the elements suspected of influencing teacher performance. On this basis, the researchers performed a study titled "The Influence of Principal Leadership and Civil Servant Teachers' Work Ethic on Teacher Performance."

B. Methods

This study took place in Madang Suku I District, OKU Timur Regency, which contains five junior high schools. The study was conducted from May to October 2021. The quantitative descriptive approach was utilized in this study to determine the partial influence of existing variables (Sugiyono, 2012). The quantitative research factors examined in this study were the principal's leadership (X1), civil servant teachers' work ethic (X2), and teacher performance (X3) (Y). The population in this study consisted of 48 persons, including principals, civil servant instructors, and students from five distinct schools, each with its own set of duties, attributes, and features. Because the population is tiny, the entire group is employed as a study sample.

A questionnaire was employed to collect correct data, which was backed by documentation. The validity and reliability of the research questionnaire were first assessed, either by expert review or statistically. The data collected during the study was processed before the hypothesis was tested, which is known as the analytical precondition test. One of the phases in measuring the existence or absence of data deviations for each variable is the prerequisite test. Prerequisite analysis tests are also required to assess whether or not data analysis for hypothesis testing may be resumed (Kesumawati and Aridanu, 2018). Normality, linearity, heteroscedasticity, and multicollinearity are the characteristics that must be satisfied before analysis can be performed for both prediction and hypothesis testing.

C. Results and Discussion

The collected study data has been recapitulated, processed, and evaluated in order to produce useful data. The average score for each characteristic achieved in the schools that comprised the research sample was fairly different. As a result, each sample group has the advantages and drawbacks of each of the factors evaluated. The requirements are checked first using this data. Begin by determining the normality of the data distribution. The normality test is used to determine if the distribution of data in a set of data or variables is normally distributed or not. In this study, the normality of the data was examined using the SPSS program, and the normality of the data was tested using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. The test findings received a significance value of 0.200, which is more than 0.05, indicating that the conditions for normality of the data distribution were met. The conclusion is that the data is normally distributed based on preset criteria, and that if the significance value is greater than 0.05, the data is normally distributed. As a result, hypothesis testing may be accomplished using parametric statistical analysis.

In addition, heteroscedasticity testing was performed to see whether there was a variance inequality from the residuals for all data in the linear regression model. The heteroscedasticity test findings in this study indicated that there was no heteroscedasticity problem in the data.
utilized since the data dispersed above and below or around the number 0 and did not establish a specific pattern. Another element that was checked was the data's linearity: for each test or variable, it was indicated that there was a substantial linear connection. This result is based on the significant values found in deviation from linearity greater than 0.05, which are 0.183 and 0.120, respectively. Multicollinearity tests yielded similar results, indicating that the data in this investigation did not exhibit multicollinearity symptoms. This conclusion is based on the Tolerance value of 0.752 > 0.10 and the VIF value of 1.329 10.0, both of which are required or criteria for the presence of multicollinearity. As a result, the regression model developed utilizing this study data is sound.

As is well known, researchers employ quantitative research methodologies or approaches to solve research challenges. The previously prepared hypothesis testing has been conducted out using this technique. Before beginning the study, the researcher examined the research data's necessary assertions, such as normality, heteroscedasticity, linearity, and multicollinearity. The researchers discovered that the data were normally distributed, that there were no signs of heteroscedasticity in the existing data, that there were no symptoms of multicollinearity, and that the data showed a substantial linear connection. As a result, all of the prerequisites for conducting parametric statistical analysis have been satisfied. These processes are carried out so that the research results may give full and valuable information for stakeholders to utilize as the foundation for making suitable choices or policies.

Three hypotheses were investigated in this study using partial and simultaneous testing. It is clearer about the key issues to be considered in each exam since they are mentioned in the test discussion step by step.

The Influence of the Principal's Leadership on Teacher Performance

The research sample's maximum accomplishment was 97.60, while the lowest achievement for principals' leadership was 74.40. The study sample's highest score for principals' leadership was 78.40, attained by as many as 8 persons or 16.7 percent of the overall research sample. Only four people claimed that the principal's leadership was very excellent, and this achievement was based on an achievement score of more than 85.00.

The sample group's average accomplishment differs by a not-so-significant margin. Because the gap between the top and lowest scores isn't all that great, like in the case of SMP Negeri 1 Madang Suku I, which has the highest final average score of 82.27. While at SMP Negeri 4 Madang Suku I, the lowest final average score was 76.8. Because the difference in values is still included in the same interval, which is included in the good category for principle leadership, this value may be deemed to be a fair value.

The t-value for the principal's leadership variable is 4.225, which is greater than the t-table value of 2.013, indicating that the alternative hypothesis (Ha) for testing the first hypothesis is accepted. As a result, the principal's leadership is said to have a considerable impact on the performance of state junior high school teachers in Madang Suku 1 District, OKU Timur Regency. Another source of evidence is the significance value of 0.000 0.05, which indicates that the alternative hypothesis (Ha) for H1 is accepted. The regression equation derived from the study data is $y = 46,412 + 0.426 X1$. 
The magnitude of the association between the principal's leadership and teacher performance is 52.9 percent, which falls into the category of a pretty strong relationship. The magnitude of the effect of the principal's leadership variable on teacher performance is 28.0 percent, indicating that it has a modest influence. The findings of this study also complement prior studies, such as that of Sucipno et al. (2017), which found that principal leadership had a favorable impact on maximizing teacher performance.

Similarly, Murtiningsih and Lian (2017) discovered that principals, as decision makers, play a significant impact in boosting teacher performance. Another study backed by these findings is the research of Lukman et al., (2020), which found that principal leadership can improve teacher effectiveness. As stated by Handayani et al., (2021), it is critical for a school administrator to lead in a positive manner in order to improve teacher performance. According to As'ad et al., (2018) and Kurniati & Minsih (2016), principal leadership influences not just teacher effectiveness but also student accomplishment. Sukmaswati et al., (2020) verified the same thing.

It may also consider the research done by Umami et al., (2020), Atmojo et al., (2021), and Palupi et al., (2021), all of which investigated principal leadership, which obviously has a favorable influence on teacher performance. As a result, effective leadership is expected of a school principal. Harmendhi et al., (2021), Juniarti et al., (2020), and Sauri et al., (2018) underline that the consistency of the primary leadership variable has been tested to have a favorable and substantial influence on maximizing teacher performance in carrying out their key activities and functions.

The Influence of Teacher's Work Ethic on Teacher's Performance

The research sample's best accomplishment for the work ethic variable was 86.15, while the lowest achievement for the teacher's work ethic was 76.15. The study sample received the highest score for instructors' work ethic, 76.15, from as many as 12 participants, or 25% of the overall research sample. It may also be explained that there is just one individual who says the teacher's work ethic is in the very good category, and the achievement is based on a score of more than 85.00.

The average value of teachers' work ethic differed throughout the schools that comprised the research sample. However, the variations that do occur are minor. Because the gap between the top and lowest scores isn't all that great, like in the case of SMP Negeri 1 Madang Suku I, which has the highest final average score of 81.42. At SMP Negeri 5 Madang Suku I, the lowest final average score was 76.5. This value may be deemed to be fair because the difference in values is still included in the same interval, which is in the good category for the teacher's work ethic.

The data analysis yielded a t-count value of 5.713 for the teacher's work ethic variable. This value indicates that the t-table value is 2.013, implying that t-count > t-table; 5.713 > 2.013. Based on this, the alternative hypothesis is accepted, implying that teachers' work ethic has a positive and substantial effect on the performance of State Junior High School instructors in Madang Suku 1 District, OKU Timur Regency. To back up these findings, the significance value is 0.000 0.05, indicating that the alternative hypothesis (Ha) is accepted and the statistical hypothesis (H0) is rejected. The regression equation derived from the study data is = 29.483 + 0.639 X2.
The size of the association between teacher work ethic and teacher performance is 64.4 percent, according to the correlation coefficient. The size of the association falls into a reasonably narrow range. The determinant coefficient or magnitude of the impact of the teacher's work ethic variable on the performance of State Junior High School instructors in Madang Suku 1 District, OKU Timur Regency is 41.5 percent, placing it in the category of moderate influence.

The findings of this study also complement Marlinah's (2019) research, which found that a teacher's work ethic has a direct impact on student accomplishment, which, of course, begins with a good influence on the teacher's performance.

The Impact of the Principal's Leadership and the Work Ethic of Teachers on Teacher Performance

The research sample's maximum achievement was 91.20, while the lowest achievement for instructor performance was 76.00. The highest value obtained by the study sample in terms of instructor performance was 80.00, which was attained by as many as 9 participants, or 18.8 percent of the overall research sample. There are just two persons whose performance falls into the very good category; the achievement is based on a value greater than 85.00.

The average value of teacher performance differed between the schools that comprised the research sample. However, the variations that do occur are minor. Because the gap between the top and lowest scores isn't all that great, like in the case of SMP Negeri 1 Madang Suku I, which has the highest final average score of 81.76. SMP Negeri 5 Madang Suku I had the lowest final average score of 77.78. Because the difference in values is still included in the same interval, which is included in the good category for the performance of State Junior High School teachers in Madang Suku 1 District, this figure may be deemed to be a fair value.

The F-count is 20,163 > F-table is 3.204, indicating that the principal's leadership and work ethic have a good and substantial impact on the performance of State Junior High School instructors in Madang Suku 1 District, OKU Timur Regency. The significance value found, namely 0.000 0.05, indicates that the alternative hypothesis (Ha) is accepted and the statistical hypothesis (H0) is rejected. The simultaneous regression equation derived from the test data is

\[ y = 22.517 + 0.223 X_1 + 0.502 X_2. \]

Taken combined, the principal's leadership and teacher work ethic have a 68.7 percent link with the performance of State Junior High School teachers in Madang Suku 1 District, OKU Timur Regency, indicating a pretty tight relationship. Principal leadership and work ethic have a considerable effect on the performance of State Junior High School teachers in Madang Suku I District, OKU Timur Regency by 47.3 percent, placing it in the category of rather high influence.

The findings of this study back with recent research by Rinaldi (2016), which found that a person's work ethic and effective leadership had a substantial impact on a person's performance. According to Marlinah (2019), learning results can be positively affected if a teacher has a strong work ethic and is supported by strong principle leadership. Of course, excellent teacher performance is the starting point for this success.
D. Conclusion

Based on the findings of the data analysis during the research process, several conclusions can be drawn from this study, including the fact that the alternative hypothesis (Ha) for testing the first hypothesis is declared accepted, implying that the principal's leadership variable has a positive and significant influence on the performance of state junior high school teachers in Madang Suku I District, OKU Timur Regency. The effect of the principal's leadership variable on teacher performance is classified as modest. The alternative hypothesis (Ha) for testing the second hypothesis is accepted, implying that the work ethic variable of teachers has a positive and substantial effect on the performance of State Junior High School instructors in Madang Suku I District, OKU Timur Regency. The effect of the teacher's work ethic variable on teacher performance is in the moderate range. The alternative hypothesis (Ha) for testing the third hypothesis is accepted, implying that the principal's leadership variable and the teacher's work ethic have a positive and substantial impact on the performance of State Junior High School instructors in Madang Suku I District, OKU Timur Regency. The effect of the factors of the principal's leadership and the teacher's work ethic on the teacher's performance is in the quite high category.

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