

The Role of Primary School Principals and Administrators in Promoting Student Achievement, Teacher Effectiveness, and a Positive School Culture

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Abstract

The objectives of this research were: 1) to investigate the impact of school leadership on student achievement; 2) to explore strategies utilized by school leaders to enhance teacher effectiveness; and 3) to examine the role of school leaders in fostering positive school cultures. The sample consisted of a comprehensive review of existing literature on school leadership, teacher effectiveness, and school culture. They were selected by a systematic search of relevant databases, libraries, and scholarly journals in the field of education. The research instrument for data collection was a thorough literature review methodology. The statistics for data analysis included qualitative synthesis and thematic analysis of the collected literature.

The research results were found as follows: 1) Effective school leadership significantly influences student achievement through setting high expectations, creating supportive learning environments, and implementing strategic plans. 2) Strategies such as providing continuous professional development, promoting collaborative leadership, implementing evaluation and feedback mechanisms, and creating a positive school culture enhance teacher effectiveness. 3) School leaders play a crucial role in shaping positive school cultures by acting as cultural stewards, promoting inclusive practices, and fostering a sense of community and shared values.

Suggestions based on these findings include: 1) Implement leadership development programs focusing on instructional leadership and cultural stewardship. 2) Encourage adaptive leadership approaches to address the challenges of educational transformation. 3) Prioritize the creation of supportive and inclusive school environments that value diversity and promote open communication among all stakeholders.

Keywords: The Role of Primary School Principals; Administrators; Promoting Student Achievement; Teacher Effectiveness; Positive School Culture

Introduction

The cornerstones of academic institutions in the ever-evolving field of education are school principals and administrators, who have a major impact on teacher effectiveness, student achievement, and the overall culture of the school community. This study will look at the different responsibilities that these leaders have in order to comprehend the intricate relationships that exist between their actions and teacher empowerment, student success, and the creation of a positive school culture.

Student achievement is the main objective of any educational institution (Oberle et al., 2020). Principals and administrators have a crucial duty to create policies, curricula, and support systems that directly affect students' educational experiences (Berman, 2018). The purpose of this study is to clarify the ways in which these leaders can enhance student performance and transform educational establishments into experimentation grounds for

critical thinking, intellectual advancement, and holistic development. It accomplishes this by looking at how these leaders deal with the opportunities and difficulties found in the field of education.

Teacher effectiveness is a crucial element of academic success and is intimately associated with the leadership that school administrators offer (Kim et al., 2019). These leaders shape the collaborative frameworks, support networks, and professional development pathways available to educators. Through an exploration of the tactics used by principals and administrators to improve teacher effectiveness, this research seeks to identify the pathways that lead to improved instructional quality. A comprehensive comprehension of these dynamics has the capacity to revolutionize the classroom setting, cultivating an atmosphere in which teachers are empowered to transfer knowledge efficaciously, consequently enhancing the learning experience for students (Kim et al., 2019).

An institution can be identified by its school culture, which goes beyond academic excellence. The values, attitudes, and social dynamics that permeate the academic community are shaped by principals and administrators in their capacity as architects of this culture. The purpose of this study is to investigate the intentional tactics used by school administrators to promote a positive school climate. The study attempts to understand how leaders can foster an environment that not only fosters academic excellence but also fosters a sense of belonging, well-being, and shared purpose among students and educators alike by looking at real-world case studies and drawing conclusions from previous research. This study aims to provide educational stakeholders with practical insights by analyzing the roles of school administrators and principals. The ultimate goal is to give institutions a road map for thriving as hubs of academic brilliance as well as supportive settings for positive cultural enrichment and teacher empowerment (Kim et al., 2019).

Research Objectives

- 1) The purpose of this study is to investigate how student achievement is impacted by school leadership.
- 2) The research also endeavors to investigate the tactics employed by educational administrators to augment the efficacy of their teachers.
- 3) The study also seeks to investigate the role of school leaders and administrators in fostering positive school cultures.

Research Methodology

1) This study employed a comprehensive literature review methodology to investigate the role of primary school principals and administrators in promoting student achievement, teacher effectiveness, and a positive school culture. This approach was chosen for its ability to synthesize existing knowledge, identify gaps in current research, and provide a thorough understanding of the complex dynamics involved in school leadership.

2) Source of Data

The data for this study was sourced from various academic databases, including:
ERIC (Education Resources Information Center)
JSTOR

Google Scholar

ProQuest Education Journals

Additionally, relevant books, conference proceedings, and government reports were consulted to ensure a comprehensive coverage of the topic.

3) Population and Sampling

The population for this study consisted of all published research articles, reviews, and theoretical papers related to primary school leadership and its impact on student achievement, teacher effectiveness, and school culture. The sampling was purposive and based on the following criteria:

- Published in peer-reviewed journals or reputable educational publications

- Focused on primary school leadership and its related impacts

- Published within the last 15 years (2008-2023)

- Written in English or with available English translations

4) Data Collecting

Data collection involved a systematic search process using various combinations of keywords and phrases, including "school leadership," "principal effectiveness," "student achievement," "teacher effectiveness," "school culture," "educational leadership," and "primary school administration." The search was conducted across the identified databases, and relevant studies were selected based on the inclusion criteria.

This study utilizes a comprehensive literature review methodology. A comprehensive review of the literature methodology looks at the body of academic work that has already been written on a given subject in a methodical and exacting way. To give the review a focus, the first step in this process is to precisely define the research question or topic. Following the formulation of the research question, the investigator uses pertinent databases, libraries, and scholarly journals in the field of choice to carry out a methodical search. Boolean operators can be used to further narrow and widen the search as needed, and keywords and phrases relevant to the research question are used (Snyder, 2019).

Results

1. Significance of Effective School Leadership

A key factor in determining the general prosperity and well-being of educational institutions is effective school leadership. The body of research on the value of strong school leadership emphasizes how much of an impact it has on a number of factors, such as student success, teacher effectiveness, and the culture of the entire institution. Previous literature places significant emphasis on the positive relationship that exists between improved student outcomes and effective school leadership. Strong leadership is a critical factor influencing academic success and educational attainment, as research consistently shows. A school's vision is established by effective leaders, who also foster a supportive and encouraging learning environment and carry out calculated plans that raise student achievement. Effective school leaders encourage teachers and students to pursue excellence by establishing a climate of high standards and accountability (Day et al., 2020).

Another important area that has been covered by scholars on effective school leadership is teacher effectiveness. Strong leaders in the classroom not only assist instructors in their professional development but also foster an environment that is favorable to good teaching methods. This entails creating frameworks for collaboration, encouraging a culture of

continuous improvement, and facilitating ongoing professional development. According to studies, teachers who experience strong leadership support are more likely to feel committed, empowered, and driven, all of which improves their effectiveness in the classroom (Ninković & Knežević Florić, 2018).

The body of research also emphasizes how crucial strong school leadership is to creating a supportive school environment. By creating a supportive environment, a sense of community, and shared values, school leaders have an impact on the institution's ethos. Positive school cultures arise when leaders place a high priority on candid communication, teamwork, and a shared commitment to the welfare of teachers and students. Consequently, this leads to elevated levels of teacher contentment, student involvement, and general school spirit. Furthermore, successful organizational management and effective school leadership are frequently linked. Effective administrators who manage administrative responsibilities, resource allocation, and strategic planning help the school run smoothly. Establishing a conducive learning environment for teachers and students depends on the effectiveness of the organization (Day et al., 2020).

Summarily, research continually emphasizes the importance of strong school leadership in a variety of contexts. Strong leadership is clearly essential for academic success, as it can boost teacher effectiveness, promote better student achievement, and create a positive school climate. Understanding and emphasizing the components of effective leadership becomes crucial as educational challenges change in order to create learning environments that enable teachers and students to realize their full potential.

2、 Roles and Responsibilities of School Principals and Administrators

Literature has thoroughly examined the complex duties and responsibilities of school administrators and principals, covering a wide range of aspects that are essential to the efficient operation of educational institutions. Academic leadership, as highlighted by researchers like Hallinger and Murphy (1985), is at the center of their duties. According to Kalkan et al., (2020) effective principals are recognized as instructional leaders who actively shape the teaching and learning processes in their schools, establish curriculum standards, set a goal for academic excellence, and keep an eye on instructional practices.

The literature places a lot of emphasis on the connection that exists between better student outcomes and efficient school leadership. In a meta-analysis, Stronge, (2018) discovered that successful leadership has a major impact on student achievement. Higher academic results are a result of principals who establish high standards, demonstrate strong instructional leadership, and cultivate a supportive learning environment. Furthermore, as Tingle et al., (2019) point out, principals play a critical role in fostering the kind of collaborative learning environments that foster teacher success.

The literature continuously emphasizes the roles that school principals play in promoting teacher effectiveness, even in addition to their leadership in academics. According to Blasé and Blasé (2000), successful principals help and advise teachers by offering opportunities for professional growth, serving as mentors, and creating a welcoming school environment that emphasizes good teaching techniques. Scholars highlight the crucial role that principals play in fostering an environment of trust and cooperation that is necessary to develop a pool of proficient educators. The literature also emphasizes how important school principals are in establishing the atmosphere and culture of their respective institutions (Mehmet & Inandi, 2018). School culture is defined as the common values, norms, and beliefs that

influence interactions among members of the school community. By addressing issues of diversity and equity, encouraging open communication, and creating a sense of belonging, principals play a critical role in creating a positive and inclusive school culture. Increased student engagement, teacher morale, and overall school effectiveness are all impacted by this positive culture (Atasoy, 2020).

The notion of transformational leadership is commonly brought up in conversations concerning efficient school management. This leadership paradigm was emphasized as the need for leaders to inspire and motivate followers to go above and beyond their own self-interests. Effective principals and other transformational leaders are viewed as visionaries in the educational setting who promote innovation, a sense of purpose, and ongoing improvement (Bush, 2018). These types of leadership attributes improve student and teacher outcomes.

Apart from being responsible for academic and instructional leadership, school principals also have a lot of administrative and managerial duties. Study places a strong emphasis on the managerial facets of school leadership, contending that capable administrators who design effective organizational structures make up successful principals. Effective administrative management is essential to the school's seamless operation and the distribution of resources to enhance instruction (Bush, 2018).

Effective school leaders interact with the community outside of the school and foster goodwill with a range of stakeholders. Epstein (2018) school and family partnerships model emphasizes how crucial it is for principals to encourage cooperation with parents and the community. Successful school leadership is said to require effective communication, community outreach, and participation in neighborhood projects. Such community involvement improves students' overall educational experience and expands the school's base of support.

3. Impact of School Leadership on Student Achievement

A significant amount of research has been done on the effects of school leadership on student achievement. This literature explores the various ways that successful leadership affects academic performance. The concept of academic leadership, which places principals at the center of this investigation, is essential to setting the tone for academic excellence and fostering a learning environment. Study highlights the positive relationship between academic success and instructional leadership and emphasizes the critical role that effective leadership plays in substantially improving student outcomes (McNair, 2022).

When analyzing the impact of school administrators on student achievement, transformational leadership comes up frequently. Transformational leaders inspire and motivate their followers to go beyond their own self-interests in order to foster a common goal and ongoing improvement. Positive teacher and student outcomes have been associated with this leadership style, which fosters a school climate that values academic achievement and promotes a dedication to excellence in education (Bush, 2018).

Another paradigm that has been studied in the literature is distributed leadership, which emphasizes shared leadership responsibilities among different stakeholders within a school community. The concept is that administrators, staff, and teachers are all involved in leadership, not just the principal. According to research, distributed leadership is linked to better student outcomes because collaborative practices enhance the quality of instruction and, in turn, raise student achievement. The literature highlights the wider impact of school leadership on school culture, which in turn affects student achievement, in addition to particular leadership practices. Academic success is strongly correlated with a positive school culture that

is shaped by the leadership ethos. By encouraging open communication, fostering a sense of belonging, and addressing issues of diversity and equity, school leaders can cultivate a positive culture. Student motivation and engagement are increased in this encouraging environment, which has a beneficial effect on academic achievement (Torres, 2019).

Research on the efficacy of individual principals adds significant knowledge to the body of literature. Certain leadership behaviors, such as establishing high standards, advancing a distinct vision, and participating in group decision-making, are exhibited by effective principals. These actions are associated with better student outcomes, highlighting the influence of personal leadership on scholastic achievement. The ability to foster a supportive learning environment that promotes academic achievement is another factor that determines a principal's effectiveness in addition to their managerial abilities (Ni et al., 2018).

Research notes difficulties even as it continuously emphasizes the benefits of good school leadership for student accomplishment. There are many obstacles to overcome, including the growing complexity of educational systems, changing curriculum standards, and accountability requirements. Principals have limited time and resources, so they must strike a careful balance between managing responsibilities and instructional leadership. The literature emphasizes the need of principals pursuing ongoing professional development in order to provide them with the tools needed to handle new challenges (Inceoglu et al., 2018).

4、 Establishment and sustainability of a Positive School Culture

A crucial area of focus in the literature on educational leadership is the roles played by school administrators and principals in creating and maintaining a positive school culture. Shared values, attitudes, and customs that promote a welcoming and inclusive learning environment within the school community are collectively referred to as "positive school culture". As acknowledged cultural guardians, principals actively contribute to the overall atmosphere of the school by forming and upholding these values. Building a positive school culture is a top priority for effective school leaders, who do this by encouraging open communication, setting an example of positive behavior, and strengthening a sense of community. Their impact goes beyond handling paperwork to include fostering an atmosphere that inspires, encourages, and supports educators. Positive school cultures have been shown to have a positive effect on teachers' morale and effectiveness, which in turn increases their commitment to and job satisfaction. A supportive and cooperative culture is highly valued by principals, and this has a substantial positive impact on student engagement, instructional quality, and overall academic success (Kalkan et al., 2020).

Furthermore, a positive school culture has an impact on students as well, impacting their performance and academic success. It is not limited to the teaching staff. High levels of student motivation, engagement, and a sense of belonging are linked to a positive school culture. A learning atmosphere is fostered by competent school leaders who provide a supportive and valued environment for their students. The literature highlights the wider influence on the educational journey and proposes a link between enhanced student academic achievement and a positive school culture.

Building a positive school culture requires addressing diversity and promoting inclusivity in the context of an increasingly diverse educational environment. In order to foster an inclusive culture that values and respects differences, successful school leaders acknowledge and celebrate the diversity within their respective school communities. As a result, a positive school culture becomes dedicated to acknowledging and celebrating the rich

diversity that exists among students and staff, in addition to reflecting shared values (Daily et al., 2019).

A key component of preserving a positive school culture is communication. Transparent and open communication is a top priority for effective principals, who make sure that all parties involved in the decision-making process are informed. Collaboration and trust are fostered within the school community through clear communication. Effective leaders actively interact with parents, the community, and outside partners to create a positive school culture that transcends the school's boundaries (Epstein, 2018). This community involvement strengthens the school's overall positive atmosphere and fosters a sense of shared responsibility for its success (Xie & Derakhshan, 2021).

Although there are many advantages to having a positive school culture, there are obstacles to its establishment and maintenance, according to the literature. Among the challenges faced by leaders are opposition to change, competing moral standards within the school community, and outside variables like the state of the economy. Recognizing these obstacles and using tactics to overcome them, effective leaders know that creating and maintaining a positive school culture takes constant work and dedication (Murphy & Louis, 2018).

5. Strategies in Fostering Teacher Effectiveness

The body of research on the tactics used by principals and other school administrators to support teacher effectiveness shows a thorough examination of leadership techniques meant to maximize the quality of instruction in learning environments. Offering teachers opportunities for ongoing and supportive professional development is a critical tactic mentioned in the literature. Proficient principals acknowledge the ever-changing landscape of education and the necessity of ongoing professional development for their employees, which fosters innovation in teaching, improved job satisfaction, and the development of new skills. The promotion of inclusive and collaborative leadership styles is highlighted as another crucial tactic for enhancing teacher effectiveness. Teachers who participate in decision-making processes and embrace a distributed leadership approach are more likely to feel a sense of shared accountability and teamwork. According to research, schools with a strong collaborative culture report higher teacher satisfaction levels and better instruction (Lorencová et al., 2019).

Mechanisms for evaluation and feedback are essential parts of successful leadership initiatives. Principals evaluate and assist teachers' work by providing frequent, constructive feedback. This entails summative and formative assessment procedures that prioritize development over corrective action. By giving prompt, detailed, and useful feedback, principals foster a culture of continuous improvement that helps teachers improve their methods and keep friendly, cooperative relationships with one another (Mansaray, 2019).

Enhancing teacher effectiveness is identified as a critical strategy that requires the creation of a positive school culture. Positive culture-building principals encourage a feeling of belonging, camaraderie, and group accountability, which boosts teacher morale, job satisfaction, and a shared dedication to the academic success of their students. The literature also emphasizes the establishment of support structures and the strategic allocation of resources. Access to technology, instructional materials, and other necessary resources that support efficient teaching are guaranteed by competent principals. Furthermore, establishing support systems like collaborative learning communities and mentorship programs helps teachers advance professionally. Principals who put resource allocation and support systems

first show that they are dedicated to taking down any obstacles that might get in the way of good instruction (Ambrose, 2021).

It is widely acknowledged that one of the most important tactics for overcoming the challenges of educational transformation is adaptive leadership. Adaptive leadership is demonstrated by successful principals who understand when change is necessary, encourage an innovative culture, and assist in the adoption of new teaching strategies. Adaptive leaders work in tandem with educators to tackle obstacles, establish a mutual vision for improvement, and enable teachers to adjust to changing learning environments. This approach fosters teacher effectiveness and a feeling of shared accountability for the school's accomplishments (García, 2018).

It becomes clear that effective leadership is fundamentally dependent on clear communication. A supportive and knowledgeable learning environment is enhanced by principals who place a high value on open and honest communication. Effective communication regarding expectations, goals, and instructional priorities facilitates teachers' understanding of their place in the school's larger vision, giving them a feeling of direction and purpose and boosting their effectiveness. The literature recognizes the difficulties in promoting teacher effectiveness even as it emphasizes these tactics. These difficulties could include resource constraints, time constraints, and resistance to change. Adaptive leadership techniques are used by successful principals to address these issues because they understand that maintaining teacher effectiveness calls for constant attention and adaptability (Ciulla & Ciulla, 2020).

Discussion

RO1: Impact of School Leadership on Student Achievement

The synthesis of the literature presents a cogent and captivating story that highlights the critical role that proficient school administrators play in influencing the academic environment. A key idea that emphasizes the significance of principals actively participating in the enhancement of teaching and learning practices within the school is instructional leadership.

Positive student outcomes are largely driven by high expectations set by school leaders, as the literature repeatedly shows. Students are inspired to achieve academic success in an atmosphere where principals set high expectations and foster open communication. Furthermore, school administrators' cultivation of a positive learning environment is found to be a driving force behind increased student accomplishment. Positive learning outcomes are greatly enhanced by a culture that prioritizes education, fosters teamwork, and assists students in their academic pursuits (Tan, 2018).

The literature's insights highlight how complexly and intricately academic success and leadership practices are related. It soon becomes clear that good school leadership is more than just administrative; it is a dynamic force that permeates the learning environment and affects students' attitudes, behaviors, and academic performance. The synthesis highlights the importance of RO1 and offers a solid basis for comprehending the complex relationships between leadership styles and student achievement, the ultimate objective of education.

RO2: Strategies Utilized by School Leaders to Enhance Teacher Effectiveness

The discourse further underscores the critical function of continuous professional development as a fundamental tactic. According to Ingersoll and Strong (2011), effective school leaders are advocates for lifelong learning who give teachers chances to hone their craft, keep up with changing educational trends, and try out new teaching techniques.

Another crucial tactic that has been noted in the literature is collaborative leadership, which emphasizes the significance of shared decision-making procedures. Collaborative leaders encourage teachers to share their knowledge and skills, which strengthens the sense of shared accountability. Mechanisms for providing constructive criticism are essential to the process of developing teachers. A culture of continuous improvement is fostered by principals who place a high value on providing teachers with timely and targeted feedback. This fosters a supportive environment in which teachers can reflect on and improve their methods of instruction (Roberson & Perry, 2022).

Furthermore, the creation of a positive school culture is identified as instrumental in enhancing teacher effectiveness. Principals who cultivate a culture of trust, support, and shared goals contribute to increased teacher morale and job satisfaction. These multifaceted strategies collectively create an environment that empowers teachers, fostering a culture of professional growth and aligning with broader educational objectives. RO2, therefore, emerges as a significant research objective, capturing the diverse and interconnected strategies that effective school leaders employ to optimize teacher effectiveness within the educational setting.

RO3: Role of School Leaders in Fostering Positive School Cultures

This study explores the vital role that school leaders play in creating positive school cultures, and the literature reviews provide insightful information about this important facet of educational leadership. As cultural stewards, principals take on an active role in forming the norms and shared values that characterize the school community. Research repeatedly emphasizes that good leaders take on a role in actively forming the school's culture in addition to their administrative responsibilities.

The literature frequently discusses addressing diversity and promoting inclusivity within the school community. Effective school administrators are portrayed as people who embrace the diversity that exists among their staff and students. Previous studies establish an inclusive culture that respects and values diversity, creating a setting where everyone feels supported and like they belong. This inclusive approach emphasizes the value of appreciating and embracing the various perspectives and backgrounds within the educational community, which greatly contributes to the overall positive school culture.

Effective leadership is defined as including the creation and maintenance of a positive school culture. Beyond scholastic success, a supportive and inclusive environment characterizes a positive school culture. It has a positive impact on community involvement, student outcomes, and teacher morale. The literature's insights highlight how proactive leaders actively create this positive culture by setting an example of desired behavior, encouraging candid communication, and strengthening a sense of community. Additionally, they are essential in resolving issues and disputes that may occur within the school community, which emphasizes the importance of their role as cultural leaders.

Conclusion

A deep comprehension of the complex relationships among positive school culture, teacher effectiveness, and school leadership emerges. The research objectives, which outline tactics to improve teacher effectiveness and explore the critical role that leaders play in cultivating positive school cultures, together highlight how essential effective leadership is to achieving educational goals. Primary school principals and administrators are exposed as the designers of the learning environment because they are acknowledged as both cultural stewards and instructional leaders. Their impact is felt far beyond the classroom and has a major effect on students' overall development. The body of research highlights that good leaders actively support teachers' well-being in addition to establishing high standards for academic performance. This creates an atmosphere that supports teachers' professional development and job satisfaction. Furthermore, they are responsible for establishing a collaborative environment where a range of viewpoints are acknowledged and celebrated in order to fulfill their role as cultural stewards.

The thorough understandings drawn from the literature confirm that strong leadership plays a pivotal role in accomplishing educational objectives by serving as a link between positive school cultures, teacher effectiveness, and student achievement. School leaders shape the ethos of the educational institution by influencing the attitudes, behaviors, and interactions within the school community as instructional leaders and cultural influencers. The body of research emphasizes how important it is for those involved in education to prioritize and fund the development of strong leadership skills in order to sustainably create environments that are both thriving and supportive of learning.

Suggestion

Based on the comprehensive literature review conducted in this study, the following suggestions are proposed for both current educational practices and future research:

1、 Suggestions for this research work:

1) Implementation of leadership development programs:

Educational institutions should prioritize the implementation of leadership development programs that focus on instructional leadership and cultural stewardship. These programs should equip school principals and administrators with the skills necessary to effectively influence student achievement, enhance teacher effectiveness, and foster positive school cultures.

2) Promotion of collaborative leadership approaches:

Schools should adopt and encourage collaborative leadership approaches that involve teachers in decision-making processes. This can lead to increased teacher empowerment, job satisfaction, and ultimately, improved student outcomes.

3) Creation of supportive and inclusive school environments:

School leaders should prioritize the creation of supportive and inclusive school environments that value diversity and promote open communication among all stakeholders. This can contribute to a positive school culture that enhances both teacher effectiveness and student achievement.

4) Regular assessment of leadership impact:

Educational institutions should implement regular assessments of leadership impact on student achievement, teacher effectiveness, and school culture. This can help in identifying areas for improvement and in tailoring leadership strategies to specific school contexts.

2. Suggestions for further research:

1) Longitudinal studies on leadership impact:

Future research should focus on conducting longitudinal studies to examine the long-term impact of school leadership on student achievement, teacher effectiveness, and school culture. This could provide valuable insights into the sustainability and evolving nature of effective leadership practices.

2) Cross-cultural comparative studies:

There is a need for cross-cultural comparative studies to understand how different cultural contexts influence the effectiveness of various leadership strategies in primary schools. This could help in developing more culturally sensitive and adaptable leadership approaches.

3) Investigation of technology integration in school leadership:

As technology continues to play an increasingly important role in education, future research should explore how school leaders can effectively integrate and leverage technology to enhance student achievement, teacher effectiveness, and school culture.

4) Examination of leadership in crisis situations:

Given recent global events, further research is needed on how school leaders can effectively manage and lead during crisis situations (such as pandemics or natural disasters) while maintaining focus on student achievement and teacher support.

5) Exploration of student voice in school leadership:

Future studies should investigate how school leaders can effectively incorporate student voice and participation in decision-making processes, and how this impacts overall school effectiveness and student outcomes.

6) In-depth analysis of leadership styles:

More research is needed to examine the effectiveness of different leadership styles (e.g., transformational, distributed, instructional) in various primary school contexts and their specific impacts on student achievement, teacher effectiveness, and school culture.

By addressing these areas, future research can build upon the findings of this study and contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of effective school leadership in primary education settings. This, in turn, can inform policy-making and leadership practices to ultimately improve educational outcomes for students.

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