The Influence of Pedagogic Competency, Leadership of Schools, and Work Motivation Towards Teacher Performance in State Elementary Schools in Medan City

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Abstract
Teacher performance is the result of work achieved when planning, implementing, and assessing learning in schools. The results showed: (1) the effect of pedagogic competence on the work motivation of public elementary school teachers in the Medan City is 0.242; (2) the influence of the principal’s leadership on the work motivation of State elementary school teachers in the Medan City is 0.238; (3) the influence of pedagogical competence on the performance of public elementary school teachers in the Medan City is 0.259; (4) the influence of principal leadership on the performance of public elementary school teachers in the Medan City is 0.207; and (5) the effect of work motivation on the performance of public elementary school teachers in the Medan City is 0.200. Based on the results of the study, it was found that the pedagogic competence, principal leadership, and work motivation on teacher performance was 28.7% and the rest was determined by other circumstances.

Keywords: pedagogic competence; principal leadership; work motivation; teacher performance;

1. Introduction
Elementary school is a basic education institution that functions to in still values, attitudes, and a sense of beauty, as well as to provide basic knowledge and ability to read, write, and observe for students so that they have provisions to continue their education at the next level. In other words, the purpose of primary school education is to lay the foundation for intelligence, knowledge, personality, noble character, and skills to live independently and follow further education. In this connection, elementary schools carry three missions, namely carrying out the education process, the socialization process, and the transformation process (Bafadal, 2006:20). The achievement of these three missions places teachers as the main component of education. Teachers in the context of education are related to the professions they carry as educators and teachers for students at various levels of education. Priansa (2014:35) suggested that the teacher is the main facilitator in the school whose function is to explore, develop, and optimize the potential of students so that they can become part of a civilized and advanced society. This strategic role is stated in Law Number 14 of 2005 concerning teachers and lecturers, which places the position of teachers as professionals as well as as facilitators, motivators, stimulators, learning engineers, and learning inspirations for students. This role requires teachers to be able to improve the resulting performance in line with changes and demands that arise from society for the world of education.

Initial observations of researchers at the Medan City Education Office in December 2020 can be seen that the performance of teachers at these schools is still not good. Information on elementary school supervisors in Medan, obtained information about the performance of elementary school teachers in Medan, including: (1) there are still many teachers who have not been able to create good learning conditions in the classroom, so that students appear less active in learning. Of the 20 teachers observed, the supervisor saw that only 5 teachers were able to build conducive learning conditions/support learning in the classroom, the rest directly provided material without trying to create learning conditions that supported learning; (2) many teachers only use the lecture method and take notes in front of the class, and
The increase in teacher performance is influenced by work motivation which is directed at achieving its goals at work (Simorangkir et al., 2019; Rahayu et al., 2019; Siagian & Sirait, 2019). Work motivation becomes a motivation for someone to carry out an activity in order to get the best results (Wahyuningtyas et al., 2020; Tanjung et al., 2020; & Puspandhani et al., 2020). Therefore, it is not surprising that teachers who have high work motivation will show good performance. The results of research by Samson (2006) and Siwantara (2009) state that work motivation affects one's performance. Winardi (2002: 6) argues that work motivation is a potential strength that exists in a human being, which can be developed by a number of outside forces which essentially revolve around monetary rewards and non-monetary rewards that can affect the results of their performance positively or negatively, which depends on the situation and conditions faced by the person concerned.

Several previous studies, such as Kristen et al. (2019), found that organizational culture supports citizens' organizational behavior. In addition, motivation also increases due to the influence of culture and organizational behavior in a school (Ridlo et al., 2020). It is also in line with the research of Mashari & Umami (2019) and Rahman et al. (2020) that teacher motivation and teacher characteristics greatly affect student achievement and learning outcomes in schools.

The principal is directly related to administrative staff in providing services to the community. The principal must be able to create a conducive work culture, mutually support one another, strengthen the organizational energy to provide optimal service to the community. Thus, the principal is as a leader and manager in his field. According to Birch (2001: 5), as a manager he is more focused on the task, and as a leader, he is more integrated with the people he leads. Thus, one of the characteristics of a great leader is to...
produce something and realize that their success in carrying out their duties is due to the goodwill and support of the people around them. In other words, a principal has a leadership style to foster goodwill and support from his subordinates to be able to provide educational services in accordance with existing standards.

Adequate teacher abilities mean that they will be able to complete their work properly according to the predetermined targets. This means that the teacher must devote all his abilities in carrying out the tasks that are their responsibility. Increasing teacher knowledge in mastery of theory and skills is intended to decide issues related to activities in order to achieve school goals. This certainly increases their ability at work so that teachers can work more effectively in schools in carrying out their duties, sometimes requiring technology assistance. In addition, education and training programs aim to improve teacher ability, efficiency and teacher performance in achieving work goals (Handoko, 2007: 103). Based on the description above, it appears the role of leadership factors, pedagogical competence and work motivation in improving the performance of elementary school teachers. This encourages researchers to conduct research under the title: The Influence of Principal Leadership, Pedagogic Competence, and Work Motivation on the Performance of Public Elementary School Teachers in the Medan City.

2. Methods

This research is a quantitative type of path analysis. Riduwan (2008: 2) states that path analysis is used to analyze the pattern of relationships between variables in order to determine the direct or indirect effect of a set of exogenous variables on endogenous variables. The population in this study were 293 public elementary school teachers in Medan City. The research sample is a portion of the population taken as a data source, and can represent the entire population. Determining the number of samples using the Slovin formula obtained as many as 171 people. The sampling technique used is Proposional Random Sampling.

3. Results and Discussions

3.1 Results

Normality Test
To find out whether the data for each variable is normally distributed or not, it is necessary to test for normality with the Liliefors test. To accept or reject the null hypothesis, we compare Lo with the critical value of Ltable for the real level = 5%. The data for each variable is said to be normally distributed if $L_{observe} < L_{table} = 0.05$. Based on Table 1, all endogenous variables based on exogenous variables have a normal distribution, thus the assumption of normality has been fulfilled.

Test of Linearity and Meaning of the Regression Equation
To test the linearity assumption is carried out based on the linearity test with the F test on the data of each endogenous variable on the exogenous variable. The hypothesis proposed in the linearity test is:

$H_0$: non-linear regression  
$H_a$: linear regression

The test criteria: reject $H_0$ if the significance of the $F_{observe} > 0.050$ or accept $H_0$ if the significance of the $F_{observe}$ value $< 0.050$. To test the meaning of the regression equation, the proposed hypothesis is:

$H_0$: regression is not significant  
$H_a$: significant regression

Based on Table 2, the results of the linearity and significance of the regression are obtained:
1. There is a linear regression direction and means between pedagogic competence ($X_1$) on work motivation ($X_3$) with a value of $F_h = 1.209$ with a significance of $0.285 > 0.05$; and significant with the value of $F_h = 5.885$ with a significance of $0.018 < 0.05$. Thus, increasing pedagogical competence can optimize the work motivation of elementary school teachers in Medan City.
2. There is a linear and meaningful regression direction between principal leadership ($X_2$) on work motivation ($X_3$) with a value of $F_h = 0.988$ with a significance of $0.506 > 0.05$; and significant with the value of $F_h = 6.678$ with a significance of $0.013 < 0.05$. Thus, increasing the leadership of school principals can optimize the work motivation of elementary school teachers in Medan City.
3. There is a linear regression direction and means between pedagogical competence ($X_1$) on teacher performance ($X_4$) with a value of $F_h = 1.252$ with a significance of $0.252 > 0.05$; and significant with the value of $F_h = 8.167$ with a significance of $0.006 < 0.05$. Thus, increasing pedagogical competence can optimize the performance of elementary school teachers in Medan City.
4. There is a linear and meaningful regression direction between principal leadership (X1) on teacher performance (X4) with a value of $F_h = 1.224$ with a significance of $0.273 > 0.05$; and significant with the value of $F_h = 6.882$ with a significance of $0.011 < 0.05$. Thus, improving the leadership of school principals can optimize the performance of elementary school teachers in Medan City.

5. There is a linear regression direction and means between work motivation (X3) on teacher performance (X4) with a value of $F_h = 1.044$ with a significance of $0.444 > 0.05$; and significant with the value of $F_h = 8.314$ with a significance of $0.005 < 0.05$. Thus, increasing work motivation can optimize the performance of elementary school teachers in Medan City.

Table 1. Summary of the Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test Normality Test Results

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<tr>
<th>N</th>
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<td>Pedagogic Competence</td>
<td>87.41</td>
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<td>Principal Leadership</td>
<td>77.86</td>
<td>13,376</td>
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<td>Work motivation</td>
<td>77.39</td>
<td>9,818</td>
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<td>Teacher Performance</td>
<td>83.63</td>
<td>11,165</td>
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<td>Absolutes</td>
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<td>Positive</td>
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<tr>
<td>Negative</td>
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| Test Statistic                   | 1.209    | 0.987    |
| Still,71                          | 0.285    | 0.506    |
| Mean                              | 5.885    | 6,578    |
| Significance of Regression        | 0.018    | 0.026    |
| Status                            | Significant |

Table 2. Summary of Test Results for Linearity and Significance of Regression

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<td>Fh: 1.209, Sig: 0.285</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>X2 with X3</td>
<td>Fh: 0.987, Sig: 0.506</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>X1 with X4</td>
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<td>Liner: 8,167, Sig: 0.006, Status: Significant</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>X2 with X4</td>
<td>Fh: 1.224, Sig: 0.273</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>X3 with X4</td>
<td>Fh: 1.044, Sig: 0.444</td>
<td>Liner: 8,314, Sig: 0.005, Status: Significant</td>
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3.2 Discussions

Pedagogic competence has a direct effect on work motivation

The findings of the study show that the magnitude of the direct influence of pedagogic competence on work motivation is 5.8%. The influence that pedagogic competence provides on work motivation comes from the components of technical skills, human skills, and conceptual skills. This case, technical skills contributed 32.050% to pedagogic competence. Human skills contribute 36.142% to pedagogical competence. Meanwhile, conceptual skills contributed 31.808% to pedagogical competence.

Based on these results, the pedagogical competence variable is more influenced by the human skill component. The human skills of a leader can determine his leadership for his subordinates. In this case, human skills influence one's leadership in motivating teachers to work. Hoy and Miskel (2001: 198) emphasized that human skills focus on the ability to understand the feelings and attitudes of others and build cooperative working relationships. To be effective, these skills must be exercised naturally, unconsciously, and consistently in a leader's behavior.

The results of this study support the theory put forward by Colquitt, et al (2015: 9) that leadership in organizations has an influence on the work motivation of their subordinates. The results of this study also support Samson's (2006) research that leadership affects the achievement motivation of his subordinates. This illustrates that pedagogical competence affects the work motivation of public elementary school teachers in Medan City.

In addition, it was found that the level of pedagogical competence was relatively moderate (71-91), namely 53.521%. This shows that pedagogical competence still needs to be improved. Stoner (1992: 18) says that human skills are the ability to cooperate, understand, and motivate others as individuals or in groups. Human skills emphasize working with people, which is much different from technical skills which emphasize working with things. Pidarta (2004: 217) says that humanitarian skills are essentially skills to make optimal cooperative contacts with people who are invited to work by paying attention to their nature and dignity as humans. Thoha (2004: 37) says that human skills are the ability to work to understand and motivate others, both as individuals and groups. Managers need these skills in order to gain participation and direct the group to achieve goals.
**Principal leadership has a direct effect on work motivation**

The findings of the study show that the magnitude of the direct influence of the principal's leadership on work motivation is 6.7%. The influence given by the principal's leadership on work motivation comes from the components of the level of knowledge about their work, and the level of teacher skills at work. In this case, the level of knowledge about his job contributed 44.193% to the leadership of the principal. Meanwhile, the level of teacher skills at work contributed 55.807% to the principal's leadership.

Based on these results, the principal's leadership variable is more influenced by the teacher's skill component at work. The level of work skills of a teacher can determine his ability to work on a day-to-day basis at school. In this case, the level of teacher skills at work affects a person's motivation to continue working. The results of this study support the theory put forward by Colquitt, et al (2009: 8) that a person's principal leadership has an influence on work motivation.

The leadership of the principal is the knowledge and skills of the teacher in doing any work that is their job according to their field of expertise. Every qualified teacher must have good principal leadership. The success and skill of doing work in an organization is very dependent on the performance of the teacher, so that the leadership of the principal is important for a teacher to be able to complete the job well. In addition, it is found that the level of principal leadership tendency is still classified as moderate (68 - 87), namely as much as 63.380%. This shows that the leadership of the principal still needs to be improved. A person's ability to increase work motivation will be reflected in the knowledge and skills they possess supported by their physical and psychological conditions. Therefore, to carry out a job it is not enough if you only have knowledge and skills, but must also be supported by a strong ability to carry out the job. As a result, through good principal leadership, the organization will succeed in achieving the expected performance levels.

**Pedagogic competence has a direct effect on teacher performance**

The findings of the study indicate the magnitude of the effect of pedagogic competence directly on teacher performance by 5.7%. The influence that pedagogic competence provides on teacher performance comes from the components of technical skills, human skills, and conceptual skills. In this case, technical skills contributed 32.050% to pedagogical competence. Human skills contribute 36.142% to pedagogical competence. Meanwhile, conceptual skills contributed 31.808% to pedagogical competence.

Based on these results, the pedagogical competence variable is more influenced by the human skill component. The human skills of a leader can determine his leadership for his subordinates. In this case, human skills influence one's leadership in managing and directing subordinates to work well. The results of this study support the research of Sri widodo and Bangun (2007) and Irawati and Bambang (2010) that there is a positive influence of leadership on employee performance.

Pedagogic competence is a pattern of leadership behavior from each principal towards his subordinates in achieving organizational goals. The principal in carrying out his duties must be able to improve teacher performance, both through encouragement (motivation) and by fulfilling teacher needs. When teachers get encouragement and their needs are met, the teacher will do their job as well as possible.

In addition, it was found that the level of pedagogic competence was relatively moderate (71 - 91), namely as much as 53.521%. This shows that pedagogical competence still needs to be improved. A school principal is said to be unsuccessful if he cannot motivate, motivate, and satisfy teachers in working in the organization. Teachers will feel comfortable and excited to work because of the encouragement or motivation given by the principal.

**Principal leadership has a direct effect on teacher performance**

The research findings show that the principal's leadership has a direct effect of 4.3% on teacher performance. The influence of the principal's leadership on teacher performance comes from the components of the level of knowledge about their work, and the level of teacher skills at work. In this case, the level of knowledge about his job contributed 44.193% to the leadership of the principal. Meanwhile, the level of teacher skills at work contributed 55.807% to the principal's leadership.

Based on these results, the principal's leadership variable is more influenced by the teacher's skill component at work. The level of work skills of a teacher can determine his ability to work on a day-to-day basis at school. In this case, the level of teacher skills at work affects how a person works in his school. In school organizations, it can be seen that in the placement of teachers or employees, in general, the higher a person's position in the organization, the more needed is high intellectual ability and not physical ability. Regarding a person's ability, it really depends on his physical and psychological condition, which in turn will affect the level of ability to carry out his job.

In addition, it is found that the level of principal leadership tendency is still classified as moderate (68 - 87), namely as much as 63.380%. This shows that the leadership of the principal still needs to be improved. When the teacher can do their job well, it will foster their enthusiasm for work. Teachers will feel
comfortable and eager to work because of their motivation. With the leadership of the principal, teachers are willing, able, and able to properly and successfully complete work assignments under their authority and responsibility. Meanwhile, job skills are skills that are related to work tasks, which are owned and used by the teacher to carry out work assignments that become their authority and responsibility, at the right time.

**Work motivation has a direct effect on teacher performance**

The research findings show that work motivation has a direct effect of 4.0% on teacher performance. The influence that work motivation has on teacher performance comes from the components of motives, expectations, and incentives. In this case the motive contributes 27.207% to work motivation. Expectations contribute 38.508% to work motivation. Meanwhile, incentives contribute 34.286% to work motivation. Based on these results, the work motivation variable is more influenced by the work expectancy component. The expectations a teacher wants determine his work motivation at school. In this case, the expectations a teacher wants to achieve improve teacher performance. The results of this study support the theory put forward by Colquitt (2009: 8) that a person's work motivation has an influence on their performance in the organization. The results of this study also support Darna's (2010) research that achievement motivation has an influence on employee performance.

Work motivation is an encouragement for teachers both from within and from outside themselves to continue to work as well as possible to achieve their goals in work. Every activity carried out by humans is based on a certain motivation. This motivation moves people to achieve something they want. If this motivation is high, then the energy it produces is high. Conversely, if the motivation is low, then the energy it produces is low too. The source of a person's work motivation varies, because no human being is the same as one another. But the most important thing is that with the motivation he has, that person will have more resistance and strength to achieve what he wants.

In addition, the level of work motivation tendency is still classified as moderate (66-84), namely as much as 73.239%. This shows that work motivation still needs to be improved. For a teacher who works in an organization, motivation to achieve organizational goals will make him eager to carry out his job. If the teacher is enthusiastic about working, then their performance will increase. In addition, the teacher's desire to achieve the predetermined performance will be formed.

The model suitability test is intended to test whether the proposed model has a fit with the data or not. From the calculation results obtained $\chi^2$observed = 0. The result = 0 was consulted with $\chi^2$ table for d = 1 which is 3.68. Thus $\chi^2$observed < $\chi^2$table (0 > 3.68), it is concluded that the path analysis model as a whole is significant. This indicates that the proposed model is acceptable. Based on the path coefficient values obtained from the calculation results, the path diagram can be drawn in the Figure 1.

![Figure 1. Research Path Diagram](image)

**4. Conclusion**

Based on the study results of obtained in this study are:

1. Pedagogic competence has a direct effect on the work motivation of public elementary school teachers in Medan, meaning that the better the pedagogical competence, the better the work motivation of public elementary school teachers in Medan City.

2. The leadership of the principal has a direct effect on the work motivation of public elementary school teachers in Medan, meaning that the better the leadership of the principal, the better the work motivation of public elementary school teachers in Medan.
3. Pedagogic competence has a direct effect on the performance of public elementary school teachers in Medan, meaning that the better the pedagogical competence, the better the performance of public elementary school teachers in Medan City.

4. Principal leadership has a direct effect on the performance of public elementary school teachers in Medan City, meaning that the better the leadership of the principal, the better the performance of public elementary school teachers in Medan City.

5. Work motivation has a direct effect on the performance of public elementary school teachers in Medan City, meaning that the better the work motivation, the better the performance of public elementary school teachers in Medan City.

Recommendations

Based on the research findings, suggestions are made: (1) To the Education Office Medan City. The institution that supervises and ensures the implementation of quality education service processes is recommended: (a) establishing teacher MGMP in target schools to improve teacher performance. The establishment of the MGMP will help teachers to regularly meet and share information related to learning; (b) holding workshops to improve teacher teaching abilities. The form of workshops that must be carried out are: workshops on the use of interactive learning media; and (c) supervise all teachers appropriately and measurably according to teacher weaknesses in teaching in the classroom, such as: analyzing and describing the weaknesses of teachers teaching in class, discussing with teachers and education experts to overcome teacher weaknesses using innovative and fun learning media. To the Principal. The principal can take the findings of this research into consideration in optimizing teacher performance. It is suggested: (a) hold regular workshops to ensure the teaching ability of teachers is always competent, such as: contextual and fun learning workshop activities by utilizing the school environment and making learning media workshops innovative; (b) conducting routine supervision to see and measure the readiness of teachers to use creative innovative teaching methods in the classroom, such as: requiring teachers to use color image media and requiring teachers to utilize instructional videos provided by the school; and (c) encourage teachers to actively participate in seminars outside of school, such as: providing information on teacher training activities, providing compensation for activities for teachers, giving appreciation money and award certificates for outstanding teachers in teaching skills competitions.

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