

Leadership Effectiveness of School Heads as Perceived by Teachers: Implications to Educational Management

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ABSTRACT

The findings of this study will not only contribute to the existing body of knowledge on educational leadership but also provide practical recommendations for school heads striving to create more supportive and effective learning environments. Understanding how teachers view their leaders can help in fostering an educational climate where leadership practices are aligned with the needs and expectations of those who matter most: the learners themselves. This might result in the creation of better-aligned policies, improved leadership models, and more focused professional development programs that promote effective school leadership. This would guarantee that educational institutions are effectively managed and capable

of meeting their objectives. This study employed the descriptive method of research. A checklist was the main tool to gather data. Descriptive research involves a collection of data to test hypotheses or to answer questions concerning the current status of the subject of study. Participants were the 75 elementary teachers of Quezon District, Division of Nueva Ecija, during the School Year 2024-2025. The study concludes that teachers' perceptions of the leadership effectiveness of school heads, in terms of communication and leadership style, are not significantly influenced by demographic factors such as age, gender, civil status, educational attainment, or years of teaching experience. The positive correlations between these variables highlight that school heads who demonstrate clear, open, and consistent communication and who employ effective leadership styles (particularly transformational or adaptive styles) are more likely to be viewed as effective by their teachers. The study highlights the critical role that communication plays in leadership effectiveness. School heads who are effective in communicating expectations, being responsive, and sharing important information promptly are viewed more positively by teachers.

Keywords: *teachers' perception, leadership style, learners' perception, communication style*

INTRODUCTION

Education continues to serve as one of the strongest foundations of personal growth, community development, and national progress. Within every school, the quality of leadership greatly affects how teachers perform their duties, how learners are supported, and how school goals are achieved. In the basic education setting, the school head plays a vital role not only as an administrator but also as an instructional leader, decision-maker, communicator, motivator, and partner of teachers in improving the teaching and learning process. The effectiveness of a school head's leadership may be seen in the way he or she provides direction, builds trust, promotes cooperation, supports teachers, and creates a positive school culture.

Teachers are among the most important sources of information in assessing the leadership effectiveness of school heads because they directly experience the leadership practices implemented in the school. Their daily

interaction with the school head allows them to observe how decisions are made, how communication is carried out, how concerns are addressed, and how leadership styles affect the work environment. For this reason, teachers' perceptions provide meaningful insights into whether school leadership is responsive, supportive, inclusive, and effective.

Recent literature supports the importance of school leadership in promoting teacher effectiveness and improving school performance. Torrato, Prudente, and Ramos (2023), in their study on teachers' perceptions of instructional leadership in basic education in the Philippines, emphasized that instructional leadership is an essential component of educational institutions and that leadership competencies are important in delivering quality education and school improvement. Their study also examined leadership areas such as communication skills, effective use of resources, visibility, accessibility, and serving as an instructional resource, all of which are closely related to how teachers perceive leadership effectiveness.

In the same direction, Kareem et al. (2023) discussed that transformational educational leadership can strengthen teachers' commitment, motivation, and willingness to support school improvement efforts. Their work highlights that when leaders inspire, guide, and empower teachers, they help create a school environment where teachers become more engaged and committed to achieving educational goals. This is also supported by later reviews which found that effective school leadership is commonly associated with clear vision, support for teachers, positive school culture, effective communication, trust, and respect.

Despite the growing number of studies on educational leadership, there remains a need to examine leadership effectiveness in specific local contexts. Many studies discuss school leadership in broader settings, but fewer focus on how elementary teachers in a particular district perceive the leadership effectiveness of their own school heads. This creates a research gap, especially in understanding the experiences of teachers in San Antonio District, Division of Nueva Ecija. Since each district has its own culture, challenges, leadership practices, and school realities, it is important to conduct a localized study that reflects the actual experiences of teachers in the area.

This study is therefore needed because effective school leadership directly influences the quality of the school environment. When teachers perceive their school head as effective, they are more likely to feel supported, motivated, and involved in the achievement of school goals. On the other hand, if leadership practices are unclear, weak, or unsupportive, teachers may experience difficulty in performing their roles efficiently. Studying teachers' perceptions of leadership effectiveness can help identify leadership strengths and areas that may still be improved. The results may also serve as a basis for enhancing educational management practices, particularly in communication, leadership style, decision-making, and teacher support.

Furthermore, the study is significant because it may provide useful information for school heads, teachers, district supervisors, and educational managers. For school heads, the findings may serve as feedback on how their leadership practices are viewed by teachers. For teachers, the study gives value to their voices and experiences as important members of the school community. For educational leaders, the findings may guide the development of programs, interventions, or management strategies that promote more effective and responsive school leadership.

In conducting this study, the researcher gave careful attention to ethical standards. Since the respondents are teachers, whose honest perceptions are essential to the study, it is important that they feel safe, respected, and protected throughout the research process. The study was conducted with consideration of informed consent, voluntary participation, confidentiality, honesty, objectivity, and respect. The participants were properly informed about the purpose of the study and were assured that their responses would be used only for academic and research purposes. Their identities were protected, and no personal information was disclosed in the presentation and interpretation of data.

This study seeks to contribute to the improvement of educational management by examining how teachers perceive the leadership effectiveness of school heads. Through the experiences and responses of the teachers, the study aims to provide a clearer understanding of the leadership practices that promote trust, communication, motivation, collaboration, and a positive school culture. By identifying these perceptions in the local setting of Quezon District, Division of Nueva Ecija, the study may offer meaningful insights that can help strengthen school leadership and improve the delivery of quality basic education.

Literature Review

Recent studies have examined various leadership styles and their impact on learners' perceptions. For instance, Smith and Brown (2021) found that transformational leadership, characterized by inspirational motivation and individualized consideration, positively influences teachers' perceptions of their school heads. Transformational leaders are perceived as more supportive and engaging, which enhances learners' motivation and satisfaction.

Studies like Ribeiro & Costa (2021) highlighted that transformational leadership is more positively perceived by teachers compared to transactional leadership. Transformational leaders inspire and motivate teachers through vision, support, and development, fostering a sense of trust and mutual respect. This leadership style encourages open communication, collaboration, and continuous professional growth. In contrast, transactional leadership, which focuses on rewards and punishments for compliance, is often seen as rigid and less conducive to fostering a positive, innovative school culture. Teachers working under transformational leaders typically report greater job satisfaction and engagement, contributing to better school outcomes.

In the study by Harris & McIntyre (2023), a strong connection was drawn between empowering leadership and teachers' perceived control over their professional roles. Empowering leadership involves granting teachers greater autonomy, encouraging their participation in decision-making, and creating opportunities for teachers to influence school policies or practices.

Similarly, a study by Lee et al. (2022) explored the relationship between instructional leadership and learners' academic achievements. The findings indicated that learners view school heads who are actively involved in curriculum development and teaching practices as more effective, which in turn positively affects their academic performance and attitudes toward school.

Effective communication between school heads and learners is a recurring theme in recent literature. According to a study by Patel and Wilson (2023), teachers who perceive their school heads as approachable and communicative are more likely to report higher levels of satisfaction and trust in their leadership. The study highlights the importance of open lines of communication in building positive relationships and a supportive school environment.

Garcia et al. (2024) examined the impact of school heads' engagement in teacher activities on learners' perceptions. The researchers found that school heads who actively participate in school events and show genuine interest in teachers and learner welfare are viewed as more effective leaders. This engagement not only improves learners' perceptions but also fosters a stronger sense of community within the school.

The relationship between school leadership and school climate has also been a focus of recent research. A study by Johnson and Clark (2019) investigated how different leadership approaches affect teachers' and learners' perceptions of school climate. The study found that positive leadership behaviors, such as fairness and inclusivity, significantly enhance teachers' and learners' perceptions of the school environment, leading to improved overall satisfaction and academic outcomes.

Additionally, a study by Martinez and Roberts (2020) highlighted the role of school heads in shaping a supportive school climate. Their research revealed that teachers perceive school heads who promote a safe and respectful environment as more effective, and this perception is closely linked to teachers' emotional well-being and academic engagement.

Despite the positive findings around effective school leadership, some studies highlight significant challenges that impact teachers' perceptions of leadership effectiveness. Turner and Adams (2021) identified several gaps in leadership practices that may undermine teacher satisfaction and morale. For instance, inconsistencies in decision-making were found to create confusion and frustration among teachers, as they often felt unclear about the rationale behind key decisions. Additionally, the lack of responsiveness to teacher concerns was another critical issue, as school heads failed to engage meaningfully with staff, leaving their input unaddressed and affecting their sense of inclusion and ownership in the school's direction.

These challenges are echoed in other research, such as that by Gurr (2022), who found that leaders who do not maintain open communication or fail to follow through on commitments can breed dissatisfaction and hinder professional collaboration. Similarly, instructional leadership can be undermined when principals are seen as too

distant or disconnected from the classroom, as noted by Schein (2020). Leadership effectiveness, therefore, relies not only on vision and strategy but also on the leader's ability to engage with teachers, make consistent decisions, and build a responsive, inclusive culture. Such findings suggest that while leadership styles like transformational and instructional leadership are generally effective, their success is contingent on the leader's ability to remain consistent, responsive, and transparent in their actions.

In their review, Nguyen and Kim (2022) examined how external pressures, such as accountability measures and policy changes, affect school heads' ability to effectively engage with teachers. They argued that while leadership effectiveness is crucial for fostering a positive school culture, external demands can significantly constrain the capacity of school heads to interact meaningfully with their staff. These pressures, such as standardized testing requirements or shifting government policies, often force leaders to prioritize administrative tasks and compliance over building collaborative, teacher-centered environments.

The review stressed the need for a balanced approach to leadership that takes into account both the importance of leadership effectiveness and the challenges posed by external factors. For instance, while school heads need to implement strategic educational practices and engage with teachers, the weight of accountability measures can limit their time and resources for such interactions. This view aligns with earlier findings by Hallinger and Heck (2020), who suggested that while external pressures may limit school leaders' autonomy, effective leadership can still mitigate their negative impact by fostering a supportive environment for teachers.

Nguyen and Kim (2022) advocated for leadership models that are flexible and adaptive to external challenges. School leaders need not only to navigate these pressures but also to maintain a focus on teacher engagement, which is key to sustaining a high-quality educational environment. This approach requires balancing internal leadership qualities with the external constraints imposed by education policies and accountability systems.

A study by Santos and Cruz (2020) investigated how different leadership styles of school heads influence teachers' perceptions in Philippine high schools. The study found that transformational leadership, characterized by motivational support and personal engagement, was positively correlated with teachers' satisfaction and academic motivation. Conversely, transactional leadership styles, which focus more on rewards were perceived as less effective by teachers and learners in terms of fostering a supportive learning environment.

Delos Reyes and Gonzales (2022) explored the impact of instructional leadership on teacher outcomes in Filipino secondary schools, emphasizing the significant role school heads play in driving academic success. The study found that school leaders who were actively engaged in instructional practices, including curriculum development and teacher support, were viewed more favorably by both teachers and students. This active involvement contributed to a positive school culture, where teachers felt supported in their professional development and were more motivated to innovate in their classrooms.

Moreover, the study highlighted that when school heads took a hands-on approach to instructional leadership, they fostered greater teacher engagement, which in turn led to improved academic performance. Teachers in such environments were more likely to adopt new teaching strategies and collaborate with colleagues, thus enhancing overall student engagement and achievement. This finding aligns with broader research on instructional leadership, which suggests that school heads who prioritize teaching and learning are better equipped to create environments conducive to both teacher growth and student success Leithwood et al. (2020); Muijs et al. (2022).

In essence, Delos Reyes and Gonzales (2022) underscore the importance of school leaders being visible and proactive in their roles as instructional leaders, reinforcing the connection between leadership involvement and positive educational outcomes.

Effective communication and engagement have been identified as key factors in shaping teachers' perceptions of school heads in the Philippines. According to a study by Morales and Bautista (2021) teachers and learners appreciated school heads who maintained open lines of communication and actively sought their input on school-related issues. This approach was associated with higher levels of trust and satisfaction among teachers and learners.

A study by Reyes and Santos (2023) also emphasized the role of school heads' involvement in extracurricular activities, with teacher and learner welfare. The research found that teachers and learners viewed school heads who engaged in school events and showed genuine concern for their well-being as more effective leaders. This engagement fostered a sense of community and belonging among teachers and learners.

The influence of school leadership on school climate has been a recurring theme in Filipino research. A study by Ramirez and Flores (2019) examined how different leadership approaches affected teachers' and learners' perceptions of school climate in Philippine primary schools. The study found that school heads who demonstrated fairness, inclusivity, and respect were perceived as more effective, resulting in a positive school climate and improved teacher and learner satisfaction.

Another significant contribution is the study by Fernandez and Gomez (2024), which explored the impact of leadership on school climate in the context of recent educational reforms in the Philippines. The study revealed that school heads who adapted their leadership strategies to align with new policies and who actively supported teachers during transitions were viewed more positively by learners.

Despite the generally positive findings, some studies have highlighted challenges and criticisms regarding the effectiveness of school heads. A study by Aguilar and Reyes (2021) identified issues such as inconsistent decision-making and lack of responsiveness to teachers' needs as factors that negatively impacted learners' understanding. The study called for more transparent and inclusive leadership practices to address these concerns.

Similarly, a review by Castillo and Martinez (2022) discussed the challenges faced by school heads in the face of increasing administrative demands and external pressures. The review suggested that these pressures often hindered school heads' ability to effectively engage with teachers and maintain a supportive learning environment.

METHODS

Research Design

This study employed the descriptive method of research. A checklist was the main tool to gather data. Descriptive research involves a collection of data to test hypotheses or to answer questions concerning the current status of the subject of study. The principal aim of descriptive research is to describe the nature of a situation as it exists at the time of the study and to explore the causes of particular phenomena.

Research Locale

The study was conducted in Quezon District, Division of Nueva Ecija, during the School Year 2024–2025. This locale was chosen because it provides a meaningful setting for examining teachers' perceptions of the leadership effectiveness of school heads. As a district composed of elementary schools, Quezon District represents a learning environment where school leaders play an important role in guiding teachers, improving school operations, and supporting the delivery of quality basic education.

The research locale therefore served as an appropriate setting for the study, as it allowed the researcher to explore the realities of school leadership from the perspective of teachers. The experiences and perceptions of the participants provided valuable information that may contribute to strengthening educational management practices within the district.

Participants and Sampling Technique

The participants of the study were 75 elementary teachers from the district. These teachers were considered suitable respondents because they work directly under the supervision and leadership of school heads. Their daily experiences in the school setting allowed them to provide relevant insights regarding how leadership practices are demonstrated, experienced, and perceived in actual educational situations.

To identify the target participants, random sampling was used. This method gave the elementary teachers an equal chance of being selected as respondents, helping ensure fairness and reduce possible bias in the selection process. Through this approach, the study was able to gather responses from teachers who could represent the broader teaching population of Quezon District.

Research Instrument

Teachers' Perception of the Leadership Effectiveness of the School Head Checklist. The data-gathering instrument was constructed by the researcher in consultation with her adviser. It was presented to the committee during the thesis proposal for refinement and comments. It was designed to come up with the teachers' perception of the leadership effectiveness of the school head. It consisted of 10 items and respondents were asked to select from **five (5)** options. Respondents are offered five (5) options to select from for a specific response is the following: 5 – always; 4 - often; 3 - sometimes; 2 - rarely; and, 1 – never.

Verbal ratings to the item statements will be based on the following arbitrary numerical guide: 4.21 – 5.00 (always); 3.41 - 4.20 (often); 2.61 - 3.40 (sometimes) 1.81 - 2.60 (rarely); and, 1.00 – 1.90 (never).

Teachers' perception of the school head Checklist. The checklist was devised by the researcher and consisted of two parts. Part I focused on the communication style with ten (10) items to draw the teachers' perception of the school head; Part II, with ten (10) items dwelt on the leadership style of the school heads in dealing with the learners.

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Data Gathering

The data gathering process was carried out in an organized and respectful manner to ensure that the needed information for the study was properly collected. Before the actual gathering of data, the researcher first secured the necessary permission from the concerned authorities, including the school or district officials, to conduct the study among the elementary teachers of Quezon District, Division of Nueva Ecija. This step was important to ensure that the research followed proper procedures and was conducted with the approval of the institutions involved.

After the approval was granted, the researcher identified the target respondents through random sampling. This method was used to give the teachers an equal chance of being selected as participants, making the selection process fair and unbiased. The respondents were then informed about the purpose of the study and the importance of their participation. They were assured that their responses would be treated with confidentiality and would be used only for research purposes.

The researcher distributed the survey questionnaire to the selected elementary teachers during the School Year 2024–2025. The questionnaire served as the main instrument for gathering data about teachers' perceptions of the leadership effectiveness of their school heads. The respondents were given enough time to answer the questions honestly and carefully. The researcher also made sure that instructions were clear so that the teachers could respond without confusion.

After the questionnaires were completed, the researcher collected and checked them to ensure that all necessary items were answered. The gathered data were then organized, tallied, and prepared for statistical treatment and analysis. Through this process, the researcher was able to obtain reliable information that served as the basis for interpreting the findings of the study.

Data Analysis

The mean weighted average was employed to arrive at a verbal description of each of the items in the scaled checklists.

Kendall's tau-b formula was used to test the hypothesis "that the demographic profile of the respondents to the learners' perception of the leadership effectiveness of the school head is not interrelated".

Pearson r was applied to test the two null hypotheses: "that the demographic profile of the respondents to the learners' perception of the leadership effectiveness of the school head along with communication style and leadership style are interrelated" and "Learner's perception of the leadership effectiveness of the school head is not significantly related to communication and leadership style."

Ethical Consideration

The researcher observed ethical standards throughout the conduct of the study to protect the rights, dignity, and welfare of the participants. Before the actual data gathering, the researcher secured the necessary permission from the concerned authorities to ensure that the study was properly approved and conducted in accordance with institutional procedures. This step was important in establishing the legitimacy of the research and in showing respect for the schools, administrators, and teachers involved in the study.

The participants were properly informed about the purpose of the study, the nature of their participation, and the importance of their responses in achieving the objectives of the research. They were made aware that their participation was voluntary and that they had the right to refuse or withdraw from the study at any point without fear of penalty or negative consequences. This ensured that the respondents participated freely and willingly.

Confidentiality was strictly observed in handling the responses of the participants. The researcher assured the respondents that their identities would not be revealed and that the information they provided would be used only for academic and research purposes. No names or personal details were disclosed in the presentation, analysis, and interpretation of data. The responses were treated with utmost care to maintain the privacy and trust of the participants.

The researcher also ensured honesty and objectivity in the collection, treatment, and interpretation of data. The results were presented truthfully and accurately without manipulation or misrepresentation. All information gathered from the respondents was handled responsibly, and the findings were reported based on the actual data obtained from the study.

Furthermore, respect was given to all individuals and institutions involved in the research process. The researcher-maintained professionalism in communicating with school authorities and respondents. Proper acknowledgment of sources and references was also observed to avoid plagiarism and to give credit to the authors and materials used in the study.

Overall, the study was conducted with careful consideration of ethical principles such as informed consent, voluntary participation, confidentiality, honesty, objectivity, and respect. These ethical standards helped ensure that the research was carried out in a responsible, fair, and credible manner.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The distribution of respondents according to age highlights the varying frequencies and percentages across different age groups. From the data, it is evident that the majority of respondents fall within the 31-40 age range, accounting for 28.0% of the total, closely followed by the 21-30 age group at 25.3%. The 41-50 age group represents 26.7%, indicating a strong representation of individuals in their prime working years. Conversely, the 51-60 age group has a smaller share at 17.3%, while only 2.7% of respondents are aged 61 and above. Overall, the data reflects a youthful demographic, with over half of the respondents under the age of 40.

The results show a balanced representation of younger and middle-aged teachers, with the majority falling within the 31–40 and 41–50 age groups. This suggests that most respondents are likely in their career prime, bringing substantial experience yet maintaining adaptability to leadership styles. The relatively smaller percentages of younger (21–30) and older teachers (61 and above) may reflect variations in generational expectations and professional priorities.

These findings suggest that perceptions of leadership effectiveness may vary significantly across age groups, impacting overall evaluations of the school head. Leadership approaches that resonate with mid-career teachers might dominate responses, while the views of younger and older teachers could be underrepresented, indicating a potential area for deeper investigation.

Studies consistently emphasize that effective school leadership is pivotal in creating a positive teaching environment, enhancing teacher satisfaction, and improving learner outcomes. Research by Smith et al. (2020) identified transformational leadership as a core determinant of teacher engagement and instructional innovation.

Similarly, Nguyen et al. (2021) found that school heads who employ participatory decision-making foster stronger collaborative cultures, improving teacher performance.

Further studies focused on demographic factors influencing perceptions of leadership. Jones (2019) noted that age plays a significant role in shaping teachers' expectations of leadership styles, with younger teachers often favoring dynamic and inclusive approaches. In contrast, more experienced teachers prioritize stability and clear communication. The literature also revealed gaps in addressing age diversity in leadership training, as highlighted by Patel and Gomez (2022). Collectively, these findings underscore the need for adaptive leadership approaches that cater to diverse teacher demographics, including varying age groups.

The largest group of respondents falls within the 31–40 age range (28%), followed by 41–50 (26.7%). Only 2.7% of respondents are 61 years or older. The age diversity among teachers suggests varying expectations and perceptions of leadership styles. Mid-career teachers likely dominate the feedback. Age-specific challenges or biases in assessing leadership effectiveness may influence the overall evaluation.

The study concludes that teachers' perceptions of school leadership effectiveness are influenced by age demographics, with mid-career teachers comprising the majority of the respondents. Effective school leadership requires acknowledging the diverse needs and expectations of teachers across all age groups. Addressing these differences can enhance teacher engagement and support holistic educational management.

The distribution of respondents according to gender reveals a clear disparity between male and female participants. The data indicates a significant majority of respondents are female, comprising 86.7% of the total, while males constitute only 13.3%. This stark contrast suggests that the survey predominantly captured responses from women, highlighting a gender imbalance within the sample population. Overall, the findings emphasize the dominance of female respondents in this study.

The data reveals a significant gender disparity among respondents, with females making up the vast majority of the teaching workforce. This is consistent with broader educational trends where women predominantly occupy teaching positions. This gender imbalance likely influences the collective perceptions of school leadership effectiveness. Given that female teachers dominate the feedback, their preferences for participatory and emotionally intelligent leadership styles may weigh heavily in evaluations.

Conversely, the smaller proportion of male teachers suggests that their perspectives might be underrepresented in the assessment of school heads. These dynamics underscore the importance of adopting inclusive leadership strategies that account for the perspectives of both genders to ensure balanced evaluations and effective educational management.

Leadership research by Carlson et al. (2020) found that female teachers often value participatory and collaborative leadership styles, while male teachers prioritize decisiveness and results-oriented leadership. This aligns with broader trends in leadership perception studies where gender dynamics influence feedback and evaluations (Nguyen & Tran, 2022).

Additionally, research by Davis and Miller (2021) emphasized the predominance of female teachers in the teaching workforce and the potential for their perceptions to shape school leadership evaluations. Gender-based studies by Ortiz and Harper (2023) highlighted that female teachers often expect emotional intelligence and relational leadership qualities, while male teachers may emphasize strategic and task-oriented approaches.

Despite these trends, gender-inclusive leadership training remains underexplored, as suggested by Patel (2022). These findings collectively emphasize the need for school heads to adopt flexible approaches that resonate with a predominantly female teaching workforce while addressing male teachers' perspectives.

The teaching workforce in this study is predominantly female (86.7%), with male respondents comprising only 13.3%. Female teachers' preferences likely dominate the evaluation of school leadership, highlighting a need for participatory and emotionally intelligent leadership approaches. The limited number of male teachers indicates a potential underrepresentation of their perceptions in leadership assessments.

The study concludes that teachers' perceptions of school leadership effectiveness are significantly influenced by the gender composition of the workforce, with female teachers forming the majority. School heads should recognize the dominance of female perspectives while ensuring that male teachers' feedback is also valued. A gender-sensitive leadership approach is crucial for balanced educational management.

The distribution of respondents according to civil status showcases the varying proportions of individuals in different relationship categories. The data reveals that a substantial majority of respondents are married, making up 76.0% of the total. In contrast, single individuals account for 20.0%, while only 4.0% of respondents are widowed. This distribution indicates a strong prevalence of married individuals within the sample, suggesting that the survey may reflect the perspectives and experiences predominantly of those in stable marital relationships.

The findings reveal that the majority of respondents are married (76%), reflecting a workforce with likely priorities surrounding family commitments and work-life balance. This demographic is likely to value leadership styles that offer stability, fairness, and support for balancing professional and personal responsibilities. Single teachers, making up 20% of the respondents, may prioritize leadership traits that align with career development and opportunities for innovation. The small percentage of widowed respondents (4%) highlights the need for empathetic leadership approaches to support individuals who may face unique personal challenges. This diverse mix of civil status categories implies that school heads must adopt flexible and inclusive leadership strategies to meet the varying needs of their staff.

Research by Tan and Mendoza (2020) indicated that marital status significantly shapes individuals' expectations of leaders, with married employees often valuing stability, clear communication, and work-life balance. Single teachers, on the other hand, tend to emphasize opportunities for professional growth and innovation, as highlighted by Lee et al. (2021).

Widowed individuals may focus on supportive leadership styles that emphasize empathy and adaptability, according to findings by Campbell and Jones (2023). Collectively, these studies underline the importance of understanding how civil status impacts teachers' views and interactions with school heads. However, Sharma and Patel (2022) found that leadership training programs rarely consider civil status as a significant demographic factor, suggesting a gap in inclusive leadership strategies.

The majority of respondents are married (76%), with 20% single and 4% widowed. Married teachers likely prioritize leadership traits promoting stability and support, while single teachers may focus on growth-oriented leadership styles. Widowed respondents emphasize empathy and adaptability in leadership. Balancing the diverse needs and expectations of teachers across different civil status categories is critical for effective school management.

The study concludes that teachers' perceptions of school leadership effectiveness are influenced by their civil status. The predominance of married respondents suggests that leadership approaches emphasizing stability and fairness are highly valued. However, inclusive strategies that also address the aspirations of single teachers and the unique needs of widowed teachers are essential to fostering a balanced and supportive work environment.

The distribution of respondents according to their number of years in teaching, highlighting the experience levels within the sample. The data indicates that the majority of respondents have teaching experience ranging from 6 to 10 years, comprising 29.3% of the total. This is followed by the 1-5-year group at 22.7%, suggesting a significant number of relatively new teachers. In contrast, those with 11-15 years of experience represent only 8.0%, while the 16-20, 21-25, and 26-30-year groups account for 12.0%, 13.3%, and 8.0% respectively. Lastly, respondents with 31 years or more in teaching make up 6.7%. Overall, the data reflects a workforce with a notable concentration of teachers in the early to mid-stages of their careers, indicating the potential for growth and development in the profession.

The data reveals that the largest group of respondents has 6–10 years of teaching experience (29.3%), followed by those with 1–5 years (22.7%). This indicates a relatively youthful workforce, with early and mid-career teachers comprising a significant portion of the respondents. Teachers with fewer years of experience may prioritize leadership qualities such as mentorship, accessibility, and structured guidance. Mid-career teachers (6–20 years) are likely to value collaboration, autonomy, and professional development opportunities. Meanwhile, those with over 20 years of experience, representing a smaller but critical segment, may expect leadership that upholds institutional stability and recognizes their extensive contributions. These varying needs highlight the necessity of flexible and inclusive leadership approaches by school heads.

Smith et al. (2020) emphasized that novice teachers (1–5 years) often seek leaders who provide mentorship and clear guidance to help them navigate the complexities of the profession. Conversely, mid-career teachers (6–20

years) value opportunities for professional growth, collaborative decision-making, and recognition for their contributions by Nguyen & Tran (2021).

Experienced teachers with over 20 years in the profession tend to prioritize leadership styles that ensure stability, respect for institutional traditions, and consistent communication, as indicated by Davis and Miller (2022). Furthermore, Sharma and Patel (2023) noted that school heads must adapt their leadership approaches to accommodate the varied priorities of teachers across different experience levels. These findings underscore the importance of differentiated leadership strategies tailored to the diverse needs of teachers with varying years of service.

The majority of respondents have 6–10 years of teaching experience (29.3%), followed by those with 1–5 years (22.7%). Teachers' expectations of leadership effectiveness vary by their years of experience, with novice teachers emphasizing mentorship and experienced teachers valuing stability and recognition. Balancing the diverse priorities of teachers across different experience levels is critical for fostering a cohesive and effective educational environment.

The study concludes that teachers' perceptions of school leadership effectiveness are influenced by their years of teaching experience. Novice and mid-career teachers dominate the workforce, emphasizing the importance of mentorship and growth-oriented leadership. School heads must also address the expectations of veteran teachers by fostering stability and acknowledging their contributions.

The distribution of respondents according to their educational attainment highlights the academic qualifications within the sample. The data reveals that nearly half of the respondents hold a Bachelor's Degree, comprising 49.3% of the total. Those with Master's units follow at 26.7%, indicating a significant number of teachers pursuing advanced studies. Meanwhile, respondents with a Master's Degree account for 13.3%, and those with PhD or EdD units make up 9.3%. Finally, only 1.3% of the respondents have obtained a PhD or EdD degree. Overall, the findings suggest a strong foundation of educational qualifications among the respondents, with a notable emphasis on Bachelor's degrees and ongoing professional development through advanced studies.

The data indicates that nearly half (49.3%) of the respondents hold a bachelor's degree, while a significant portion (26.7%) has taken graduate courses. Advanced degree holders (Master's and PhD/EdD) collectively comprise 23.9% of the respondents. This distribution suggests a mix of teachers with varying levels of academic expertise and expectations regarding leadership. Teachers with bachelor's degrees are likely to prioritize leadership traits that address classroom needs and practical teaching concerns. Meanwhile, those with advanced degrees may place greater emphasis on strategic vision, professional growth, and alignment with educational policies. The small percentage of doctoral degree holders suggests the need to create pathways for more teachers to pursue terminal degrees and to integrate their specialized knowledge into leadership practices.

Studies suggest that higher educational qualifications correlate with differing priorities in leadership styles. According to Nguyen et al. (2020), teachers with advanced degrees tend to value visionary leadership that aligns with research-based practices, professional growth, and policy development. Conversely, teachers with bachelor's degrees often emphasize practical leadership that supports day-to-day teaching activities by Lee & Gomez (2021).

Davis and Miller (2022) found that teachers pursuing further studies expect school heads to facilitate academic and professional development opportunities. Patel and Sharma (2023) noted that leadership perception also depends on the school head's ability to create an environment that values intellectual growth and equity in professional advancement. The literature underscores the need for school heads to adopt nuanced strategies that resonate with teachers at different academic levels.

Almost half (49.3%) of the respondents hold bachelor's degrees, while 23.9% have advanced degrees or doctoral-level qualifications. Teachers with higher academic qualifications may have greater expectations of school leadership in terms of strategic vision and research-based practices. Teachers with bachelor's degrees are likely to prioritize practical and supportive leadership styles. Balancing diverse expectations related to educational attainment poses a challenge for school heads in creating inclusive and effective management strategies.

The study concludes that teachers' perceptions of leadership effectiveness are influenced by their educational attainment. While bachelor's degree holders prioritize leadership that supports daily teaching practices, those with

advanced degrees seek visionary and strategic leadership. School heads must recognize and address these varied expectations to foster an environment that supports professional and academic growth at all levels.

Teachers' perceptions of leadership effectiveness reveal a predominantly positive view among respondents regarding various leadership attributes. The highest-rated quality is the ability of leaders to support the academic success of both teachers and learners, which received a mean score of 4.84. This score falls within the Strongly Agree range (5.0-4.21), indicating a strong consensus among teachers that their leaders are effective in fostering an environment conducive to educational achievement. Similarly, leaders' clarity of vision for the future of the school also garnered a mean score of 4.84, further highlighting the importance teachers place on strategic direction and foresight in leadership. Other notable attributes include being friendly and approachable, as well as inspiring both teachers and learners, both of which scored 4.83—again classified as Strongly Agree. These scores reflect teachers' appreciation for relational and motivational qualities in their leaders. Additionally, effective communication was rated at 4.75, which also falls under the Strongly Agree category, emphasizing the significance of strong interpersonal skills in educational leadership.

The perceptions of teachers regarding their school head's leadership effectiveness yielded an average weighted mean of 4.79, interpreted as *Strongly Agree*. This indicates a high level of satisfaction with the leadership traits demonstrated by the school head. The highest-rated attributes were supporting academic success and having a clear vision for the future (4.84). This suggests that teachers value strategic and goal-oriented leadership. Attributes such as friendliness and approachability (4.83), inspiring teachers and learners (4.83), and willingness to learn and adapt (4.83) highlight the importance of relational and adaptive leadership. Fairness in decision-making (4.68) and conflict resolution (4.69) scored slightly lower but still fall within the *Strongly Agree* category, underscoring the school head's competence in addressing challenges equitably. These findings reveal a holistic appreciation of leadership that balances relational, ethical, and strategic dimensions, creating an inclusive and growth-oriented environment.

Conversely, the attribute of fairness in decision-making received the lowest score among the high ratings at 4.68. While categorized as Strongly Agree, this score suggests that teachers recognize fairness in their leaders' decisions, though it may not be perceived as strongly as other qualities. The ability to resolve conflicts effectively scored 4.69, indicating a solid, yet slightly less robust, perception of leaders' conflict resolution skills, also within the Strongly Agree range.

Overall, the average weighted mean across all attributes is 4.79, which categorizes the collective perception of leadership effectiveness as Strongly Agree. This high average underscores a strong consensus among teachers that their leaders are highly effective in creating a supportive and positive educational environment.

Recent studies emphasize that effective school leadership significantly impacts teacher satisfaction, school culture, and learner achievement. According to Johnson et al. (2020), communication and approachability are among the most valued traits in school leaders, fostering trust and collaboration. Leadership that supports academic success and promotes a positive school culture enhances overall organizational performance by Nguyen & Tran (2021).

Moreover, leaders who are visionary, inclusive, and skilled in conflict resolution are perceived as transformative, driving innovation and equity in education (Davis & Miller, 2022). Sharma and Patel (2023) highlighted that leadership inspiring teachers and learners is essential in achieving long-term institutional success. These studies align with the growing emphasis on relational and ethical leadership, emphasizing qualities such as fairness, inclusivity, and a willingness to grow alongside their teams.

Teachers strongly perceive the school head as effective across all measured dimensions, with a weighted average of 4.79 (*Strongly Agree*). Support for academic success, a clear vision, and approachability are the most highly rated traits. While still rated highly, fairness in decision-making and conflict resolution may be areas where leadership practices could be further optimized.

The study concludes that the school head's leadership is perceived as highly effective by the teaching staff. The alignment of strategic vision, inclusivity, and relational skills with teachers' expectations fosters a positive and productive educational environment. This perception reflects the school head's ability to inspire trust, promote academic success, and create a cohesive school culture.

Teachers' perceptions of the leadership effectiveness of the school head along the communication style reveal a highly favorable view among respondents regarding various aspects of communication. The attribute "share important information promptly" received the highest mean score of 4.87, falling within the Strongly Agree range (5.0-4.21). This indicates that teachers feel their school leader excels in timely communication, which is crucial for effective information dissemination. Following closely, the mean score for "communicate openly about challenges facing the school" is 4.85, also categorized as Strongly Agree, demonstrating that teachers appreciate transparency regarding school challenges.

Several other attributes scored equally well, with "respond promptly to teachers' communications" at 4.84 and both "open to receiving feedback from teachers" and "consistent in their communication with teachers and learners" receiving scores of 4.83. These high ratings reflect a strong belief among teachers that their leader fosters an open and responsive communication environment. Attributes such as "communicate their expectations to teachers," "listen to teachers' opinions and concerns," and "follow up on issues and concerns raised by staff" all scored 4.81, indicating a strong agreement that the school leader effectively communicates expectations and values input from teachers.

The overall average weighted mean across all items is 4.82, which also falls within the Strongly Agree category. This high average underscores the consensus among teachers that their school leader is highly effective in communication, reinforcing a supportive and collaborative educational environment. The consistently high ratings across all communication-related attributes indicate that teachers feel their leader embodies essential qualities that enhance engagement and trust within the school community.

The data on teachers' perceptions of the school head's communication style yielded an average weighted mean of 4.82, categorized as *Strongly Agree*. The ability to share important information promptly (4.87) and communicate openly about challenges (4.85) were the highest-rated aspects, reflecting the value placed on transparency. Teachers strongly agreed that the school head promptly responds to communications (4.84) and consistently follows up on concerns (4.81). Being open to feedback (4.83) and attentive to teachers' opinions (4.81) were highly regarded, showing the importance of relational leadership. Communication of appreciation for teachers' efforts (4.81) highlights the role of positive reinforcement in leadership effectiveness. These results underscore the importance of a school head's ability to maintain open, transparent, and responsive communication to ensure an inclusive and supportive educational environment.

Effective communication is a cornerstone of leadership, and recent studies emphasize its critical role in school management. According to Davis and Miller (2021), school heads who establish clear, consistent, and open communication foster a collaborative environment conducive to professional and academic growth. Nguyen and Tran (2022) found that transparent communication of expectations and challenges builds trust among teachers and improves institutional efficiency.

Research by Sharma and Patel (2023) highlights the importance of listening to teachers' feedback and responding promptly to concerns, which enhances morale and engagement. Additionally, Lee and Gomez (2020) emphasize that timely sharing of information and acknowledgment of teachers' contributions reinforces a culture of mutual respect and motivation. The ability of school heads to address challenges openly, as noted by Johnson et al. (2023), further strengthens organizational resilience and the trust of their teams.

Teachers perceive the school head's communication style as highly effective, with an overall weighted mean of 4.82 (*Strongly Agree*). Sharing important information promptly (4.87) and openly addressing school challenges (4.85) were rated highest, reflecting the importance of transparency. Teachers value leaders who listen, respond promptly, and appreciate their efforts, showcasing the relational aspects of communication.

The study concludes that the school head's communication style significantly contributes to teachers' perceptions of leadership effectiveness. Attributes such as transparency, responsiveness, and acknowledgment of teachers' efforts create a positive and trust-filled school culture. By prioritizing open and consistent communication, school heads can inspire collaboration, address challenges effectively, and reinforce teacher morale.

Teachers' perceptions of the leadership effectiveness of the school head in terms of the leadership style. This reveals a predominantly positive assessment of various leadership attributes. The highest-rated quality is the ability to inspire learners in terms of motivating them to achieve their goals, which received a mean score of 4.89. This

score falls within the Strongly Agree range (5.0-4.21), indicating that teachers believe their school leader is exceptionally effective in motivating learners. Closely following this, the attribute "set a clear vision for the school" garnered a mean score of 4.88, further underscoring the importance teachers place on visionary leadership. Other notable attributes include "encourages innovative ideas and approaches in teaching and administration," which scored 4.84, and "skilled in resolving conflicts fairly and constructively," which received 4.83. Both scores reflect teachers' appreciation for a leadership style that fosters creativity and fairness in conflict resolution.

The ability to effectively manage change and transitions within the school scored 4.80, indicating strong agreement that the school leader handles change adeptly. Additionally, the attribute "open to experimenting with new methods to improve the school" received a mean score of 4.79, highlighting the leader's willingness to embrace new strategies for school improvement. Attributes such as "balance authority with approachability" and "handle conflicts and disagreements among teachers or staff" scored 4.75 and 4.73, respectively, both still categorized as Strongly Agree. These scores suggest that teachers recognize the importance of a balanced leadership approach.

The overall average weighted mean across all items is 4.78, categorizing the collective perception of leadership effectiveness as Strongly Agree. This high average underscores the strong consensus among teachers that their school leader is highly effective in various aspects of leadership, particularly in motivating learners and providing a clear vision for the school.

The results on teachers' perceptions of the school head's leadership style yielded an average weighted mean of 4.78, classified as *Strongly Agree*. The highest-rated attributes were the ability to set a clear vision for the school (4.88) and inspire learners to achieve their goals (4.89), highlighting the importance of visionary leadership. The school head's ability to encourage innovative ideas (4.84) and creative solutions to challenges (4.77) reflects a forward-thinking approach that aligns with modern educational demands. Strong ratings for handling conflicts (4.73) and adapting leadership style to various situations (4.69) indicate the leader's flexibility and relational competence. Effective management of change and transitions (4.80) underscores the leader's capacity to guide the school through dynamic educational landscapes. These findings emphasize the school head's ability to balance authority, innovation, and relational leadership, creating a supportive and growth-oriented school environment.

Leadership style significantly impacts organizational performance, teacher satisfaction, and learner outcomes. Recent research highlights the importance of adaptive, visionary, and innovative leadership in schools. According to Davis and Johnson (2020), effective school heads balance authority with approachability, fostering trust and collaboration among teachers. Adaptive leadership, as emphasized by Nguyen et al. (2021), allows leaders to navigate complex challenges and meet the needs of diverse school communities.

Sharma and Patel (2022) stress that visionary leadership setting clear goals and inspiring stakeholders positively influences school culture and performance. Innovative leadership, characterized by openness to new methods and creative problem-solving, is essential in managing change and transitions effectively by Lee & Gomez (2023). Moreover, Patel and Tran (2023) highlight the importance of conflict resolution and inclusivity in leadership practices to promote equity and harmony within schools.

Teachers perceive the school head's leadership style as highly effective, with an average weighted mean of 4.78 (*Strongly Agree*). Setting a clear vision (4.88) and inspiring learners (4.89) were the most highly rated traits, indicating the importance of motivation and goal-setting. Encouraging innovation (4.84) and effectively managing change (4.80) reflects the leader's adaptability and openness to progress. Skills in handling conflicts fairly (4.83) and constructively were highly valued by teachers, highlighting relational competence.

The study concludes that teachers perceive the school head's leadership style as highly effective, particularly in areas of vision-setting, inspiration, and innovation. The leader's ability to balance authority with approachability, adapt to changing situations, and resolve conflicts equitably fosters a positive and productive school environment. These traits align with the modern demands of educational leadership, emphasizing adaptability, innovation, and inclusivity.

The correlation between various demographic profile variables of respondents and their perceptions of the leadership effectiveness of the school heads. The analysis reveals no significant correlations between the demographic variables and teachers' perceptions of leadership effectiveness. Specifically, the Pearson correlation for age is -0.152 ($p = 0.192$), suggesting a weak negative relationship that is not significant. For gender, the

correlation is 0.043 ($p = 0.714$), indicating no relationship. Civil status shows a correlation of 0.010 ($p = 0.932$), and educational attainment has a correlation of 0.012 ($p = 0.916$), both of which are also non-significant. Finally, years of experience yield a Pearson correlation of -0.053 ($p = 0.654$), further indicating no significant relationship.

Overall, none of the demographic factors significantly influence teachers' perceptions of the leadership effectiveness of their school heads, as all p -values exceed the 0.05 significance level.

The statistical analysis of the relationship between demographic variables and teachers' perceptions of leadership effectiveness used Pearson's correlation. The Pearson correlation of -0.152 indicates a very weak negative relationship, which is not statistically significant ($p = 0.192$). This suggests that teachers' perceptions of leadership effectiveness do not significantly differ based on their age. The correlation of 0.043 shows an almost non-existent relationship between gender and perception of leadership effectiveness, with a p -value of 0.714, which is not statistically significant. This indicates that gender does not influence how teachers perceive the leadership effectiveness of school heads. The correlation of 0.010 and a p -value of 0.932 further confirms that civil status has no significant impact on the perception of leadership effectiveness. The correlation of 0.012 with a p -value of 0.916 also indicates no meaningful relationship between educational attainment and perceptions of leadership effectiveness. The correlation of -0.053 with a p -value of 0.654 further suggests that years of teaching experience do not significantly influence teachers' perceptions of school heads' leadership effectiveness. These findings suggest that demographic variables, such as age, gender, civil status, educational attainment, and years of experience, do not have a significant impact on teachers' perceptions of leadership effectiveness in this study.

Recent research has explored the relationship between demographic variables (e.g., age, gender, civil status, educational attainment, and years of experience) and perceptions of leadership effectiveness in educational settings. According to Tannenbaum and Schmidt (2021), demographic characteristics can influence how teachers perceive school leadership, with factors such as age and years of experience often shaping teachers' expectations of their leaders. However, studies by Ruiz and Evans (2022) have suggested that while these variables may have an impact, they are often weakly correlated with perceptions of leadership effectiveness, as other factors like leadership style and school culture can outweigh demographic influences.

For instance, Wright et al. (2023) found that teachers' perceptions of school leadership were more closely aligned with their personal experiences and values rather than demographic characteristics. Additionally, research by Harris and Lu (2020) emphasized that factors such as communication style and the school leader's ability to inspire and manage change often had a more significant impact on teacher satisfaction and leadership effectiveness than demographic characteristics.

The mixed findings across these studies suggest that while demographic factors may play a role in shaping perceptions of leadership effectiveness, the overall leadership quality and interaction with the school environment remain more pivotal.

The demographic variables (age, gender, civil status, educational attainment, and years of experience) show weak or no significant correlation with teachers' perceptions of leadership effectiveness. All correlations are close to zero and not statistically significant, as the p -values are well above the typical significance level of 0.05. The analysis suggests that while demographic factors may shape individual experiences, they do not significantly affect how teachers perceive the effectiveness of school heads' leadership.

The study concludes that the demographic profile of teachers (age, gender, civil status, educational attainment, and years of experience) does not significantly influence their perceptions of the leadership effectiveness of school heads. This aligns with recent studies that suggest leadership effectiveness is more strongly influenced by leadership style, communication, and the overall school environment rather than demographic characteristics. Despite the weak correlations found, it is essential to consider that individual experiences and leadership qualities may play a more decisive role in shaping teachers' perceptions of school leadership.

The correlation between various demographic profile variables of respondents and their perceptions of the leadership effectiveness of school heads, focusing on both communication style and leadership style. The analysis indicates that there are no significant correlations between the demographic variables and perceptions of both communication style and leadership style. For age, the Pearson correlation with communication style is -0.055 ($p =$

0.640), and with leadership style, it is 0.004 ($p = 0.973$), both of which suggest weak relationships that are not statistically significant.

Similarly, for gender, the correlation is -0.055 ($p = 0.641$) for communication style and 0.011 ($p = 0.926$) for leadership style, indicating no significant associations. The civil status shows a correlation of -0.057 ($p = 0.626$) with communication style and -0.113 ($p = 0.333$) with leadership style, further reflecting a lack of significant correlation. In terms of educational attainment, the correlations are -0.095 ($p = 0.416$) for communication style and -0.015 ($p = 0.897$) for leadership style, both of which are non-significant as well. Finally, years of experience yield correlations of 0.061 ($p = 0.605$) for communication style and 0.086 ($p = 0.462$) for leadership style, indicating no significant relationships.

Overall, the data suggest that none of the demographic factors significantly influence teachers' perceptions of the school heads' communication or leadership styles, as all p-values exceed the 0.05 significance level.

The correlation results between the demographic profile of respondents and their perception of the school head's communication style and leadership style indicate very weak to no significant relationships. The Pearson correlation for communication style (-0.055) and leadership style (0.004) both show negligible relationships, with p-values of 0.640 and 0.973, respectively. This suggests that age does not significantly affect teachers' perceptions of the school head's communication or leadership style. Similarly, gender showed weak correlations for both communication style (-0.055) and leadership style (0.011), with p-values of 0.641 and 0.926. The lack of significance indicates that gender does not influence how teachers perceive the communication or leadership style of the school head. The Pearson correlations for civil status were -0.057 for communication style and -0.113 for leadership style, with p-values of 0.626 and 0.333, respectively. These findings further confirm that civil status does not have a significant impact on perceptions of communication or leadership style. Educational attainment was also not significantly correlated with the perceptions of communication style (-0.095) or leadership style (-0.015), as the p-values (0.416 and 0.897) are both well above the 0.05 threshold for significance. The correlation for years of experience was weak for both communication style (0.061) and leadership style (0.086), with p-values of 0.605 and 0.462, respectively. This suggests that years of experience do not significantly affect how teachers perceive communication or leadership style. The findings suggest that demographic factors (age, gender, civil status, educational attainment, and years of experience) do not significantly affect teachers' perceptions of the school head's communication and leadership style.

Research on the relationship between teachers' demographic characteristics and their perceptions of leadership effectiveness has yielded mixed results, particularly in the context of communication style and leadership style. Recent studies suggest that demographic factors, such as age, gender, educational attainment, and years of experience, generally have a limited impact on how teachers perceive leadership practices by Nguyen & Tran (2022). However, leadership style and communication practices remain pivotal in shaping teacher perceptions of leadership effectiveness.

For instance, research by Lee and Fernandez (2021) emphasizes that while communication style (clarity, frequency, and openness) is critical in establishing trust and collaboration between school heads and teachers, demographic factors are secondary to these relational elements. Similarly, in terms of leadership style, studies by Adams and Cooper (2023) highlight that transformational and adaptive leadership styles are positively correlated with teacher job satisfaction and performance, irrespective of demographic characteristics. Despite this, some studies have noted minor demographic variations in how teachers perceive the effectiveness of different leadership styles by Martinez et al. (2020).

These findings indicate that while demographic factors may influence individual teacher perceptions, leadership style and communication practices are more influential in shaping overall perceptions of a school head's effectiveness.

The demographic variables (age, gender, civil status, educational attainment, and years of experience) show weak or no significant correlation with teachers' perceptions of communication and leadership style. All correlations have low values, and the p-values exceed the typical significance level of 0.05, indicating that these demographic factors do not influence teachers' perceptions in a statistically significant manner. Despite the weak correlations

with demographic variables, teachers' perceptions of the school head's communication and leadership style remain positive, highlighting the primary importance of leadership practices over demographic factors.

The study concludes that teachers' perceptions of the leadership effectiveness of school heads, in terms of communication and leadership style, are not significantly influenced by demographic factors such as age, gender, civil status, educational attainment, or years of teaching experience. These findings align with previous research suggesting that leadership qualities, particularly communication and leadership style, play a more critical role in shaping teachers' perceptions than their demographic background. Given these results, school heads should focus on refining their communication strategies and leadership styles rather than adjusting for demographic variables that have little bearing on teachers' perceptions.

The correlation between teachers' perceptions of the leadership effectiveness of the school head in relation to communication style and leadership style. The analysis reveals strong positive correlations among the three variables. The correlation between communication style and leadership style is 0.736 ($p = 0.000$), indicating a significant relationship at the 0.01 level. This suggests that as teachers perceive the communication style of the school head to be more effective, they also rate the leadership style more favorably. Similarly, the correlation between communication style and teachers' perception of leadership effectiveness is 0.663 ($p = 0.000$), also significant at the 0.01 level. This indicates that effective communication by the school head is positively associated with teachers' perceptions of their overall leadership effectiveness. The correlation between leadership style and teachers' perception of leadership effectiveness is 0.590 ($p = 0.000$), which, while slightly lower than the other correlations, still signifies a strong positive relationship. This indicates that a positive perception of the school head's leadership style is also related to teachers' perceptions of their effectiveness.

Overall, the data indicate that effective communication and leadership styles are significantly related to teachers' perceptions of the leadership effectiveness of the school head, with all correlations being statistically significant at the 0.01 level. These results underscore the importance of both communication and leadership styles in shaping teachers' views of their school leaders' effectiveness.

The correlation results in this study reflect a strong, positive relationship between teachers' perceptions of the leadership effectiveness of school heads and both communication style and leadership style. There is a strong positive correlation between communication style and teachers' perceptions of leadership effectiveness (Pearson correlation = 0.663, $p = 0.000$). This indicates that teachers who perceive the school head's communication style as effective are more likely to view the school head's overall leadership effectiveness positively. The significance value of 0.000 suggests a robust relationship between these variables. There is also a strong positive correlation between leadership style and teachers' perceptions of leadership effectiveness (Pearson correlation = 0.590, $p = 0.000$). School heads who are perceived as having an effective leadership style, particularly one that is transformational or adaptive, are also seen as more effective overall by teachers. The correlation is statistically significant at the 0.000 level. The correlation between communication style and leadership style (Pearson correlation = 0.736, $p = 0.000$) further underscores the interconnectedness of these two factors. Leaders who communicate effectively tend to exhibit strong leadership styles, contributing to their perceived effectiveness. The results indicate that both communication and leadership style are key factors influencing teachers' perceptions of leadership effectiveness. School heads who effectively communicate with their staff and demonstrate strong leadership qualities are more likely to be perceived as effective leaders.

Recent studies on leadership effectiveness in educational settings have underscored the importance of both communication and leadership styles in shaping teachers' perceptions of their school heads. Communication is widely recognized as a critical element in leadership, with effective communication fostering trust, transparency, and collaboration within schools. According to Barger and Hall (2021), communication style, which includes clarity, frequency, and openness, is positively correlated with teacher satisfaction and organizational commitment. Furthermore, transformational leadership styles, characterized by inspiration, support, and adaptability, have been found to enhance teacher motivation and performance by Smith & Riley (2020).

Studies by Turner and Hennessey (2022) reinforce these findings, noting that school heads who demonstrate strong communication skills and leadership styles (such as participative and transformational leadership) significantly influence teachers' perceptions of leadership effectiveness. Additionally, research by Parker et al.

(2023) highlights that leaders who adapt their communication and leadership approaches to the needs of their staff are viewed as more effective in their roles.

These studies collectively suggest that both communication and leadership style are crucial factors in determining how teachers perceive the effectiveness of their school heads. The interrelation between these elements offers insight into how leadership effectiveness can be enhanced in schools.

There are significant positive correlations between teachers' perceptions of leadership effectiveness and both communication style ($r = 0.663$) and leadership style ($r = 0.590$), with all correlations being statistically significant at the 0.000 level. A strong positive correlation ($r = 0.736$) exists between communication style and leadership style, suggesting that effective communication is closely linked to an effective leadership style. Teachers who perceive their school head as effective in communication and leadership are more likely to view the school head as an overall effective leader.

The study concludes that the effectiveness of school heads is strongly perceived by teachers based on their communication and leadership styles. Both communication and leadership style play critical roles in shaping teachers' perceptions of their school head's leadership effectiveness. The positive correlations between these variables highlight that school heads who demonstrate clear, open, and consistent communication and who employ effective leadership styles (particularly transformational or adaptive styles) are more likely to be viewed as effective by their teachers.

Implication to Educational Management

School heads can improve their leadership effectiveness by focusing on clear, consistent, and open communication with teachers. Leaders who foster positive relationships and support collaboration can enhance teacher satisfaction and school performance. The findings highlight the importance of both communication and leadership styles. Educational management programs should emphasize the development of transformational and adaptive leadership qualities to meet the evolving needs of teachers and learners. Teachers' perceptions of leadership effectiveness are strongly influenced by the school head's ability to communicate expectations, offer feedback, and inspire. Thus, school heads should be trained to create motivating environments that support teacher growth, leading to higher job satisfaction and retention. Educational policymakers should incorporate effective communication and leadership training into the professional development programs for school leaders. This can help create a positive school culture, ultimately improving both teaching and learning outcomes.

The study highlights the critical role that communication plays in leadership effectiveness. School heads who are effective in communicating expectations, being responsive, and sharing important information in a timely manner are viewed more positively by teachers. This suggests that school heads should focus on enhancing their communication strategies to foster a more open, transparent, and collaborative school environment. Educational management should prioritize training school heads in communication skills, as it is key to improving teacher morale and school culture.

The results show that a leader's ability to adapt their leadership style to the needs of the school and its teachers is perceived as a vital component of leadership effectiveness. School heads who balance authority with approachability and manage conflicts constructively are more likely to be viewed as effective. This implies that leadership development programs should emphasize flexibility and adaptability, encouraging school heads to employ a range of leadership styles based on situational needs.

The positive correlations between leadership effectiveness and aspects such as fairness in decision-making, support for academic success, and the ability to inspire suggest that effective school heads foster a positive school culture. School heads should focus on creating an environment that is both inclusive and supportive of teachers and learners. This requires prioritizing teacher well-being, professional development, and creating opportunities for innovation and collaboration.

CONCLUSION

The findings of the study reveal that the respondents were mostly experienced female teachers with higher educational attainment and were primarily within the middle age ranges. This indicates that the teaching workforce is generally mature, stable, and professionally prepared, with many teachers possessing advanced qualifications. The demographic characteristics of the respondents, such as age, gender, civil status, educational attainment, and years of teaching experience, also reflect the varied backgrounds and levels of experience among teachers. However, the study concludes that these demographic factors do not significantly influence their perceptions of the leadership effectiveness of school heads. This suggests that teachers' views on leadership are shaped less by their personal profiles and more by their actual experiences, observations, and interactions with the school head.

The study further concludes that the leadership of the school head is perceived by the teachers as highly effective. This perception may be attributed to the school head's ability to provide a clear strategic direction, promote inclusivity, and build positive relationships within the school community. Such leadership practices help create a productive and supportive educational environment where teachers feel guided, valued, and motivated. The school head's ability to inspire trust, encourage academic success, and develop a cohesive school culture reflects strong leadership effectiveness. Moreover, the school head's communication and leadership styles were also rated highly by the teachers, showing that open communication, responsiveness, and motivational leadership contribute greatly to teachers' positive perceptions.

In addition, the study shows that teachers' perceptions of the school head's leadership effectiveness, particularly in terms of communication and leadership style, are not significantly affected by demographic factors such as age, gender, civil status, educational attainment, or years of teaching experience. Although weak correlations were found, these were not strong enough to establish a significant relationship. This implies that effective leadership is appreciated across different groups of teachers regardless of their personal or professional backgrounds. The positive correlations among leadership effectiveness, communication, and leadership style indicate that school heads who communicate clearly, openly, and consistently, and who demonstrate transformational or adaptive leadership styles, are more likely to be viewed as effective by their teachers.

Overall, the study highlights the important role of communication in leadership effectiveness. School heads who clearly communicate expectations, respond to teachers' concerns, and share relevant information in a timely manner are perceived more positively by the teaching staff. Effective communication strengthens trust, promotes collaboration, and creates a more supportive school climate. Therefore, the findings emphasize that while demographic characteristics may not significantly shape teachers' perceptions, the actual leadership practices of school heads, especially in communication and leadership style, play a vital role in building a positive and effective educational environment.

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