The Contribution of Principals’ Leadership Role and Teachers’ Integrity to Elementary School Teachers’ Performance

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ABSTRACT

Teachers have an important contribution in the process of providing quality education. In carrying out their duties, teacher performance is influenced by various factors. This study aims to analyze the contribution of the principal’s leadership role and integrity to the performance of elementary school teachers. This research is a quantitative descriptive study using a survey method. The population in this study was elementary school teachers. Sampling using random sampling technique, to obtain a sample of 67 teachers. The data collected in this study used instruments in the form of a principal leadership role questionnaire, a teacher integrity questionnaire, and a teacher performance questionnaire. The data that has been collected is then analyzed using multiple regression analysis techniques. The results showed that the principal’s leadership role had a positive and significant effect on the performance of elementary school teachers; principal’s leadership role and teacher integrity simultaneously have a positive and significant effect on the performance of elementary school teachers. This study shows that the good and bad performance of teachers is influenced by the integrity of the teacher and the leadership role of the principal.

INTRODUCTION

Schools as formal educational institutions play an important role in improving the quality of education to educate the nation’s life (Billy & Taat, 2020; Maskuri, 2018). Improving the quality of education requires principals who can carry out their duties and functions well and improve the performance of teachers (Leniawati & Afrat, 2017; Suchyadi et al., 2019). Therefore, school leaders must be able to influence their subordinates (Navaridas-Nalda et al., 2020; Suriansyah & Aslamiah, 2015). Leadership is the process of influencing, commanding persuasively, setting an example, and guiding others to achieve the goals that have been set (Sagala, 2011; Yayuk & Sugiyono, 2019). The principal as a leader has a very important role to help teachers and staff (Gaol & Siburian, 2018). In carrying out its leadership function, it must depend on its ability (Cheng & Szeto, 2016; Sholeh, 2017). In connection with that, the roles and functions that must be carried out properly by the principal as a leader include educators, managers, administrators, supervisors, leaders, innovators, and motivators (Mulyasa, 2004; Sanders, 2014). The main priority of these roles and functions is to improve learning situations and improve the performance of teachers who handle them (Auliya et al., 2012; Utami, 2017).
In carrying out his leadership function, principals must manage and foster schools through various activities such as leadership or management and leadership activities which are very dependent on their abilities (Carudin, 2011; Drago-Severson, 2012). In connection with that, the principal as a supervisor functions to supervise, build, correct and seek initiatives for the course of all educational activities carried out in the school environment (Leniwati & Arafat, 2017; Maulid, 2017). Besides that, the principal as an educational leader functions to create harmonious human relationships to foster and develop interpersonal cooperation, so that they simultaneously move towards achieving goals through the willingness to carry out their respective duties efficiently and effectively (Hallinger, 2005; Hallinger et al., 1996). Therefore, all the implementation of education will lead to efforts to improve the quality of education which is strongly influenced by teachers in carrying out their duties operationally. The roles and functions that must be carried out by the principal as a leader include educators, managers, administrators, supervisors, leaders, innovators, and motivators (Ekosiswoyo, 2016; Mulyasa, 2004; Sholeh, 2017). The main priority of these roles and functions is to improve learning situations and improve the performance of teachers who handle them (Septiana & Ivada, 2013; Wahjosumijo, 2010).

Principal leadership is the ability of functional teachers who are given the task to lead a school and mobilize all available resources so that they can be utilized optimally to achieve the goals that have been set (Iskandar, 2013; Maris et al., 2016). For educational goals in a school to be realized properly, this requires the figure of an educational leader who understands well what the function of leadership in a school is, the duties and responsibilities of an educational leader (Minsih et al., 2019; Pianda, 2018). Principals as leaders in schools have roles and functions that must be carried out properly including as educators, managers, administrators, supervisors, leaders, innovators and motivators (Mulyasa, 2004). As a leader, the principal must also be able to provide influences that can cause teachers to be moved to carry out their duties effectively so that teacher performance will be better. That is why the principal's leadership can improve the integrity of a teacher (Messi & Harapan, 2017). Integrity is consistency and firmness that can be shaken in upholding noble values and beliefs (Mckenney et al., 2013; Rosyatni, 2020). A person's integrity can be seen from: first, personality; second, Honesty; third, temperament; fourth, Character; and fifth; hard work. Individual character or integrity affects performance with three indicators, namely cognitive ability, work experience and personality traits/accuracy (Melancon et al., 1994; Sarjana & Khayati, 2016). So whether or not a teacher's performance depends on his or her integrity.

Meanwhile, teacher performance in schools has an important role in achieving school goals (Priansa & Euis, 2013; Setiyati, 2014). Based on observations, it was found that the performance of teachers in carrying out their duties as educators was still low because they still considered that teachers were only carrying out their duties routinely, such as teachers not making adequate plans in carrying out teaching Media. In addition, the integrity of teachers in carrying out their duties is also still low, this is evidenced by the existence of teachers who carry out their duties properly if there is the supervision of the principal as a leader in the school. Meanwhile, the principal as a school leader gives too much freedom to teachers in carrying out their duties, does not give warnings and punishments for teachers whose performance is not good. So that it has an impact on the low morale and sense of responsibility of teachers in carrying out their duties. This study aims to analyze the contribution of the principal's leadership role and integrity to the performance of elementary school teachers.

2. METHOD

This research is a quantitative descriptive study using a survey method (Creswell, 2014; Sugiono, 2014). The variables of this research are the principal's leadership role (X1), teacher integrity (X2), and teacher performance (Y). The research framework and the relationship between variables in this study are presented in Figure 1. The population in this study were elementary school teachers in Sahu District, West Halmahera Regency. Determination of the sample is done by using the random sampling technique. Through this technique, the research sample obtained was 67 teachers spread across eight elementary schools in Kecamatan Sahu, Kabupaten Halmahera Barat. Data collection in this study used an instrument in the form of a questionnaire. The questionnaires included a principal leadership role questionnaire, a teacher integrity questionnaire, and a teacher performance questionnaire. All of the questionnaire instruments have been tested for validity and reliability. Data analysis in this study used multiple regression analysis techniques. Data analysis was preceded by descriptive analysis, prerequisite analysis test in the form of normality test and linearity test then continued with regression analysis. All analysis processes were carried out using the help of the IBM SPSS Statistics 21.0 program.
3. **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

**Result**

**Descriptive Analysis**

The research data on the variables of the principal's leadership role (X1), teacher integrity (X2) and teacher performance (X2), which have been analyzed through descriptive statistics are presented in Table 1.

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<th>Principals' Leadership Role</th>
<th>Teachers' Integrity</th>
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<td>N</td>
<td>67</td>
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<td>Mean</td>
<td>305.49</td>
<td>173.63</td>
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<td>Std. Error</td>
<td>2.832</td>
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<td>Variance</td>
<td>537.254</td>
<td>265.692</td>
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<td>Range</td>
<td>84</td>
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<td>Minimum</td>
<td>251</td>
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<td>335</td>
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**Prerequisite Analysis Test**

The prerequisite analysis test is carried out which includes the normality test and linearity test. Normality test was performed using the One-Sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test. The summary of the results of the normality test is presented in Table 2.

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<th>Variable</th>
<th>Asymp. Sig</th>
<th>Alpha</th>
<th>Conclusion</th>
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<td>0.05</td>
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<td>Teachers' Integrity</td>
<td>0.60</td>
<td>0.05</td>
<td>Normal</td>
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<td>Teacher Performance</td>
<td>0.10</td>
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Furthermore, the results of the significance and linearity tests for each of the effects of the principal's leadership role and teacher integrity on teacher performance are presented in Table 3.

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<th>Sig. of Deviation from Linearity</th>
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<td>Principals' Leadership Role</td>
<td>0.000</td>
<td>0.280</td>
<td>Linear</td>
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<td>Teachers' Integrity</td>
<td>0.000</td>
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**Research Hypothesis Test**

After various analyzes were carried out, hypothesis testing was then carried out to measure the magnitude of the positive influence between the research variables. The description of the results of calculations that have been carried out using regression analysis is described as follows.
The Influence of the Principal’s Leadership Role on Teacher Performance

Based on the results of data analysis conducted, it can be seen that there is a positive and significant influence between the leadership role of the principal on teacher performance, this is shown by looking at the value of $r_{count} (0.462) > r_{table} (0.236)$. The coefficient of determination $r^2$ is 0.214, which means 21.4% change in the teacher performance variable ($Y$) which is influenced by the principal’s leadership and 78.6% is influenced by other factors. From the $t$ test, it can also be seen that the $t_{count}$ is 4.205 and when compared with $t_{table}$ (1.997) at the 5% level, $t_{count} > t_{table}$. From the $F$ test, it can be seen that $F_{count}$ 17.680 > $F_{table}$ 3.99 (significance 5%, df 1.65). The regression line equation for the influence of the principal’s leadership role on teacher performance can be expressed as $\hat{Y} = 74.604 + 0.167X_1$. The equation shows that the $X_1$ coefficient value is 0.167, which means that if the leadership role of the principal ($X_1$) increases by 1 point, the teacher’s performance ($Y$) will increase by 0.167 points. From this explanation, the working hypothesis $H_1$ is accepted and $H_0$ is rejected, so there is a positive and significant influence on the principal’s leadership role on teacher performance.

The Effect of Teacher Integrity on Teacher Performance

Based on the results of the data analysis conducted, it can be seen that there is a positive and significant influence between the principal’s leadership role on teacher performance. This is shown by looking at the value of $r_{count} (0.478) > r_{table} (0.236)$. The coefficient of determination $r^2$ is 0.228, which means 22.8% change in the teacher performance variable ($Y$) which is influenced by integrity and 77.2% is influenced by other factors. From the $t$-test it can also be seen that the $t_{count}$ is 4.382 and when compared with $t_{table}$ (1.997) at the 5% level, $t_{count} > t_{table}$. From the $F$ test, it can be seen that $F_{count}$ 19.199 > $F_{table}$ 3.99 (significance 5%, df 1.65). The regression line equation for the influence of integrity on teacher performance can be expressed by $\hat{Y} = 83.044 + 0.245X_2$. The equation shows that the $X_2$ coefficient value is 0.245, which means that if the integrity ($X_2$) increases by 1 point, the teacher’s performance ($Y$) will increase by 0.245 points. From this explanation, the working hypothesis $H_2$ is accepted and $H_0$ is rejected, so there is a positive and significant effect of integrity on teacher performance.

The Influence of the Principal’s Leadership Role and Teacher Integrity on Teacher Performance

Based on the results of data analysis carried out, it can be seen that $r_{count} (0.571) > r_{table} (0.236)$. The coefficient of determination $r^2$ is 0.326 which means 32.6% change in the teacher performance variable ($Y$) which is influenced by the principal’s leadership role and integrity. This shows that there are still 67.4% of other factors or variables that affect teacher performance other than the principal’s leadership role and integrity. Then carried out simultaneous testing (Test $F$). Simultaneous testing aims to determine together the influence of the role of principal leadership ($X_1$) and integrity ($X_2$) on teacher performance ($Y$), and the coefficient of simultaneous determination to determine the magnitude of the contribution together independent variable to the dependent variable.

Based on the results of data analysis carried out, it can be seen that the results of the $F$ test obtained $F_{count}$ of 15.469. When compared with $F_{table}$ with df 2.64 and a significance level of 5% so that $F_{table}$ is obtained at 3.140 then $F_{count} > F_{table}$. In addition, the significance value is less than 0.05, which is 0.00, it can be interpreted that the relationship between the principal’s leadership role and integrity together with teacher performance is significant. Then in making the regression line equation the results are presented as in Table 4.

Table 4. Regression Test Results

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<th>Model</th>
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<td>Beta</td>
<td>Std. Error</td>
<td>Beta</td>
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<td>(Constant)</td>
<td>56.741</td>
<td>12.608</td>
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<td>Principals’ Leadership Role</td>
<td>0.121</td>
<td>0.040</td>
<td>0.335</td>
<td>3.048</td>
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<tr>
<td>Teacher Performance</td>
<td>0.184</td>
<td>0.056</td>
<td>0.358</td>
<td>3.261</td>
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The regression line equation for the influence of the principal's leadership role and the integrity of the teacher together on teacher performance can be expressed by $\hat{Y} = 56.741 + 0.121(X_1) + 0.184(X_2)$. The equation shows that the $X_1$ coefficient value is 0.121, which means that if the leadership role of the principal ($X_1$) increases by 1 point, the teacher’s performance ($Y$) will increase by 0.121 points with the assumption that $X_2$ remains. The $X_2$ coefficient is 0.184, which means that if the integrity ($X_2$) increases by 1 point, the teacher’s performance ($Y$) will increase by 0.184 with the assumption that $X_1$ remains.
From this explanation, it can be concluded that there is a simultaneous positive and significant influence between the principal's leadership role and performance on teacher performance.

Discussion

The Influence of the Principal's Leadership Role on Teacher Performance

The results of the research compiled by the researcher indicated that the leadership role of the principal affects the performance of teachers in public elementary schools throughout the Kecamatan Sahu, Kabupaten Halmahera Barat, namely, the better the leadership role of the principal, the better the teacher's performance and the worse the leadership role of the principal, the better. The teacher's performance is bad. The results of this study are supported by a theory which states that whether or not teacher performance in schools is very dependent on the ability of the principal in influencing teacher behavior in carrying out their duties (Finnigan & Stewart, 2009; Gumus, 2013; Marks & Printy, 2003). A teacher can carry out his duties well if he tends to submit to the principal so that everything that is carried out by the teacher refers to the policies of the principal. In addition, teacher performance is strongly influenced by the principal's role as a leader in the school (Hoppey & McLeskey, 2013; Sunengsih, 2015; Wibowo, 2009). Thus, teacher performance will be good if the leadership of the principal is also good so that the educational goals set can be achieved properly.

The Effect of Teacher Integrity on Teacher Performance

This study shows that the good or bad performance of a teacher is determined by the integrity of a teacher. This is following the theory of Andrian Gostik & Dana Telford, that teachers with integrity in themselves will affect their performance (Santoro, 2017; Sarjana & Khayati, 2016; Sunengsih, 2015). Someone who has integrity in his life will do things according to what he believes. It means that the teacher's performance will be good if the teacher has integrity in him so that in carrying out his duties the teacher remains on the principle of life that teaching and educating is a duty and responsibility to be able to achieve the goal of education, namely the intellectual life of the nation.

The Influence of the Principal’s Leadership Role and Teacher Integrity on Teacher Performance

The third result of this study shows that the principal’s leadership role and integrity jointly affect teacher performance, namely, the better the principal’s leadership role, and integrity, the better the teacher’s performance. The worse the teacher's performance. From the results of this study, it is suggested to Principals as leaders in schools must be able to carry out their main duties and functions better and maximally so that they can become role models and improve teacher performance in schools; Teachers must have good integrity in themselves so that in carrying out their duties and responsibilities at school, they can be carried out properly, without having to be supervised. Thus the performance of teachers in schools will be maximized and become better; Teachers as educators must be able to develop themselves to improve performance in schools to the maximum and become better; The education office as an organization that can control and organize an educational institution, especially in Kecamatan Sahu, Kabupaten Halmahera Barat, must be able to further improve the competence of principals and teachers so that the learning process that takes place in schools can achieve optimal educational goals.

4. CONCLUSION

The principal’s leadership role has a positive and significant effect on teacher performance; Integrity has a positive and significant effect on teacher performance; The principal’s leadership role and integrity simultaneously have a positive and significant effect on teacher performance. Principals as leaders in schools must be able to carry out their main duties and functions better and maximally so that they can be role models and improve teacher performance in schools. can be implemented properly, without having to be supervised. Thus the performance of teachers in schools will be maximized and become better.

5. REFERENCES


