ATTRIBUTES OF AN IDEAL SCHOOL LEADER AS PERCEIVED BY A TEACHER

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If there is somebody who can best describe a school leader that would be the teacher. Since the school leader interacts with the teacher daily, his or her good-natured attributes capture the attention and admiration of the teacher.

Teachers give so much regard and reverence to those traits of their school leaders. The characteristics that school leaders manifest every day inspire and influence the teachers most especially in the performance of their work in the school.

Being a teacher, these are the attributes of the ideal school leader that usually catch my attention and interest:

**Visionary.** An ideal leader should have a great vision for the entire school. He or she has so much concern for the betterment of the learners, teachers, and school personnel, and of all the stakeholders as well. The ideal school leader has a big dream to attain for the school progress.

**Passionate.** An ideal school leader has the intense passion for performing work and in giving services to others. Overflowing passion may elevate the school thus reaching the pinnacle of success in quality both in academic and non-academic endeavors.

**Courageous.** An ideal school leader is very much courageous in taking a risk in order to raise the level of the school. An ideal school leader accepts innovations and
changes for the better. Courage in leadership is a must in introducing the latest trends among teachers and students.

**Emotionally intelligent.** They say that an ideal leader is emotionally intelligent. He or she is matured and well-rounded enough to face challenges, conflicts, difficulties and dilemmas in the school with right judgment and disposition using not only the mind but also the heart. Emotional intelligent school leaders can handle various school problems and situations tactfully and gracefully.

**Exemplary model.** An ideal school leader sets a good example both in professional and personal aspects. The school leader must execute good examples in the manner of speaking and in behaving as both in words and in deeds. Since a lot of people look up to the school leader, it is anticipated that he or she should serve as an exemplary model.

**Just.** Teachers love to see school leaders who are fair in everything, in terms of treatment, in terms of giving responsibilities and in terms of giving incentives to teachers. As the key person in the school, the school leader must be just to people and in giving a decision.

**Resilient.** An ideal school leader should be an epitome of strength. Since a lot of challenges are being faced and numerous problems are being considered, the school leaders should remain strong.

**Persuasive.** As a school leader, you need to be convincing and influential to your teachers. It is admirable to see a school leader who encourages and motivates the teachers, learners, and personnel in doing their best.

**Open-minded.** Since the school leader is dealing with diverse people, the trait of open-mindedness is required. People admire school leaders who are full of acceptance and understanding in dealing with them.
Compassionate. Now that problems are arising on the part of students and teachers, the compassionate heart of the school leader is heartily requested. An ideal school leader must be able to extend a hand in reaching and in serving people.

Indeed, teachers love to see school leaders who are visionary, passionate, courageous, emotionally intelligent, exemplary model, just, resilient, persuasive, open-minded, and compassionate. Truly, all of these traits make them ideal.

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