EXTERNAL FACTORS AND THE REALIZATION OF SCHOOL PLANNING
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The different External Factors mark an impact in the Planning process of the school. They could be the source at the same time answer to existing problems of the school. External factor, if only use in the plan strategically, schools will not have any issue which is social, political, ecological and technological. In terms of social factors, pupils age, population and even their economic status must be given a consideration in planning. They are factors because the plan will be based on the needs of these school children. If more children belong to lower economic status, then Feeding program must be included in the plan.

There are four main classes of external influence: administrative; professional; societal; and familial. Each has the potential for strengthening or weakening school effectiveness. Studies of family influence on student learning and attitudes emphasize the potential of collaborative arrangements in which families and schools work together. (Peter Coleman & Joan Collinge, 1991)

Another factor is political. No matter how much we tried not to be identified with the politicians, still it is a great factor that is affecting our plan. They are sometimes considered threats but with proper handling, they can be converted into opportunities. Politicians were the one who gives our school funds to address some of the need for the school. Lack of school buildings and teachers will be solved if these politicians were in help.

One of the factors that must also be given a greater attention is the ecological factor. Because of the instability of the environment, some unexpected things happened in our planning. But if we are aware of these factors that might affect our plan, then there is nothing to worry if already projected them and included them in the plan.
Lastly, is the technological factors, everything that we used in the achievement of our plan is a technology. They just differ in level. Computers are the most commonly used technology right now. Reports now are in the computerized form. This must be included in the plan because as we go along with the century of changes and technology. Every school must adopt the usage of it.

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