THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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Many schools have been gifted with a huge potential of achieving greater heights in terms of school effectiveness for having talented teachers, well-motivated learners, cooperative parents and supportive local government. Unfortunately, some of them are left unutilized and low performing. They are gathered without a nimble head to lead having no good hand to hone and not even a big heart to value them. The worst is the stakeholders who make up the school do not work for the common good. What they lack is effective educational leadership.

Educational leadership is the process of enlisting and guiding the talents and energies of teachers, pupils and parents toward achieving common educational aims. (https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Educational_leadership) In short, it is the management of the school in all of its aspects to ensure the delivery of a relevant and responsive education for the students and the community.

In the present time, the country gives attention to developing exemplary educational leaders who are competent in school administration and supervision, especially nowadays that decision making processes in implementing educational policies and programs has been decentralized down to individual schools. A school with fewer resources with an effective leader would grow better and flourish more than a school with a head who is not skillful enough to guide his herd. Having an effective school leader is very influential in completely fulfilling its mission and realizing the school’s vision in the end. It provides a sense of direction in the work place because targets in are set. It also maximizes opportunities for continuous improvement of the school performance and high level of achievement of the students. Moreover, effective
leadership is visionary to address the issues and concerns that may arise and helps spur progress by strengthening partnership with the community.

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