

The Relationship among School Organization Climate, Teacher Empowerment, Collective Teacher Efficacy, and School Management

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to empirically explore the relationships among organizational climate, teacher empowerment and teacher collective efficacy and how they affect schools' management performance. The survey approach was employed for this study. A total of 343 convenience samples were collected from public junior high school teachers in Taichung County. Results of multiple regression analysis of all variables show: (1) School climate significantly affects teachers' empowerment. Among all scales of organizational climate, principals' supportive behavior positively affects teachers' empowerment while principals' restrictive behavior negatively affects teachers' empowerment. Teachers' collegial behavior and intimate behavior also positively affect their empowerment. (2) School climate significantly affects teachers' collective efficacy. Among them, the principals' supportive behavior positively affects teachers' collective efficacy as well as teachers' collegial behavior and intimate behavior positively affect teachers' collective efficacy. (3) Organizational climate of school prominently affects its management performance. (4) Teachers' empowerment significantly affects their collective efficacy. (5) Teachers' empowerment also prominently affects schools' management performance. (6) Teachers' collective efficacy significantly affects schools' management performance. Organizational climate of school, teacher empowerment, and teacher collective efficacy together have prominent impact on schools' management performance accounted for 43% of explained variance, particularly for public junior high school teachers. Several implications revealed from the results include creating supporting environment for teachers and encouraging teachers to participate in school decision-making processes, and creating a platform for knowledge sharing.

Keywords : organizational climate of school ; teacher empowerment ; teacher collective efficacy ; school management performance

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