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According to Stosich (2016, p. 48), most schools set up an instructional cabinet consisting of a few teachers who are sent for expert training and are required to bring back to the institution that expertise. However, these cabinets only last a few years as they violate the norms of egalitarianism. Teachers who were not involved in setting up the cabinet argued that there existed no clear mechanism to be followed by the principal in selecting specific teaching members to constitute it.

They argued that there could be cases of non-transparency in the selection criteria and deliberate support given by the principal to the selected members. Hargreaves and Fink (2008) conducted a research on Finland's educational system and determined the essence of distributed leadership style. Teachers and principals in Finland work on a culture of responsibility, cooperation, and trust such that when a principal sickens, the community of teachers embraces the school leadership (Hargreaves and Fink 2008, p. 235). The education system in Finland depicts that the community of teachers together with the school principal are both responsible to the efficacy of the school operations. Self-efficiency and Teacher Leadership      The aspect of self-efficiency is linked to the agency concept which states that human capacity can either be enhanced or weakened by a person's experience (Bangs and Frost 2015, p. 2). Environments that support distributed leadership can support self-efficiency beliefs.

Distributed leadership is collaborative and interactive, and through it, organizations are upheld, problems are solved, and positive practices are developed. Collaborative professional cultures help to unravel the

potential of teachers and raise the school capacity to meet student requirements and foster achievement. In studying the leadership tasks, school leaders are at the core of defining, presenting, and executing micro tasks while considering their interaction with others (Spillane et al. 2001, p. 24). New Public Management Some scholars still support the hierarchical governance approach arguing that having a central command and a hierarchical approach to governance heightens a school's expectation.

However, a more stable and sustainable approach to governance, the New Public Management, has emerged to dominate the force as presented in many countries. According to Mulford (2003, p. 8), the new public management approach advocates for decentralization of roles, accountability, and community involvement. Additionally, some teachers raise concerns that even though their principals listen to them, they would wish the government and national policymakers also to ask about their views.

They feel that their ideas do not matter to the individuals in the top positions. At times, the teachers lack faith and capacity to judge agendas as they perceive them as political professionally. They argue that without government and policymakers' involvement, teachers may be in a position to improve the current system of education (Bangs and Frost 2012, p. 24). Decentralization acknowledges that dynamism in schools has to be initiated from within the school. One way to achieve such decentralization in schools is by localizing delivery but centralizing standards of operation.

Some countries embrace the idea of whospecifies a service and those that deliver the service.

In addition, a countrysuch as Korea has shifted their educational focus from a provider-orientedssystem to a consumer-oriented education system. The case is similar to Austriawhere the government seeks to shift from an administrative to a service-orientedmanagement (Mulford 2003, p. 9). Such changes in the education system alter theprincipal's current role of administrative and technical duties to a managerand developer of financial, physical, and human resources (OECD 2001, p.

20-24). Traditionally, school success is gaugedon student academic performance. Schools need to be accountable for theirundertakings. There is a need to develop assessment tools that are in line withthe school goals, the creation of policy based on evidence, and creation of newattitudes towards failure. Failure is also part of learning. The strategies, practices, and instructional behaviors that teachers use are vital towardstudent's cognitive development and are partly determined by the teacher'sself-efficacy (Zee and Koomen 2016, p. 990).

DiscussionThe purpose of this research was to explorehow the distributed form of leadership influences the self-efficacy of ateacher. The study has proven that the core factors that impede teachersself-efficacy lie in the unprofessional conduct of their principals as well asthe ineffectiveness portrayed by the school heads. Hargreaves and Fink (2008, p. 230) argue that just like improvement of a person's body requires as well as

ecosystem improvement, organization improvement does not rely on singular strategies but on the interaction of holistic and complex policies and systems. According to Hargreaves and Fink (2008, p. 230), there are three interrelated components that propel an organization forward.

The first component is living systems which include the people working in an organization and who foster imagination, creativity, and innovation. Secondly, an organization is a community and is divided into groups of workers, directors, and departments among others. In a school setup, teachers are a community of practice. Teachers are mandated with planning the learning programs as well as support the progress of students in their educational needs. The third important concept is the network of people and systems where they have to operate in partnership with the government and parents to create strong systems that foster dynamism in education through substantive policy enactment (Hargreaves and Fink 2008, p. 230).

An institution that uses autocratic leadership model, in which one person becomes the sole decision maker, is bound to trample. And when the organization succeeds under the authoritarian leadership, the exit of the institution head causes institution failure. Positive values positively impact the administration while negative values negatively affect the performance of the institution.

Institutional heads which employ an autocratic leadership model are a hindrance to the success of the school and are stressing to their employees. However, a research conducted by Hall (2013) to determine the contradiction

of reforming the leadership styles in England found that institutions are unwilling to embrace distributed leadership as they lack the necessary understanding on what the leadership style is about (Hall 2013, p. 472). He argues that the charge towards distributed leadership is unaccompanied by the changing practices witnessed among teachers and the leaders in schools. He further argues that there is a lack of policies with required frameworks and suggestions for moving from current style of leadership to the needed style of distributed leadership (Hall 2013, p. 473). The modern society requires employees' involvement in decision making to boost their morale and increase their commitment.

According to Al-Ani and Al-Harthi (2015, p. 200), the values within a school are a conglomerate of personal, communal, global, and societal persuasion. These values are too diverse that they at times conflict with one another.

Additionally, some of the set policies may require the use of specific values which may be conflicting with a person's set of values. When school administrators recognize the ideological perspectives of the education and value system, they are then able to know what their responsibilities, powers, duties, and obligations are. Haydon elaborates values to consist of both the guidelines and targets followed by the policymakers (Al-Ani and Al-Harthi 2015, p. 200).

When better policies are constituted, the running of a school becomes easier. Instituting better policies includes creating multiple school departments and assigning each department a manager. In addition, the units are provided

with duties that they have to achieve. The department head becomes the accountable personnel. The presence of departmental heads in school implies that teachers have a central coordination point through which they are able to air their concerns and also resolve disputes fast. In addition, assigning teachers duties creates a form of responsibility for the teachers. Teaching the staff members as well as the students the purpose of having respect for one another and being committed to their duties is essential towards the wholesome success of an institution.

Whenever school administrators apply a distributed leadership model multiple benefits are experienced. First, the approach fosters teamwork and collaboration. Collaborations ensure quick problem-solving. Further, teachers work together towards achieving the institution's mission and vision. Collaboration results in increased teacher participation and engagement. Secondly, cooperation ensures control and increase in student and staff performance. When departmental heads meet with the school administrators, they are able to show rate teacher performances.

Publicly recognizing a teacher's performance results increases the morale and self-efficiency of the teacher. The teacher feels encouraged and recognized. Therefore, he or she works extra hard to get more recognition and rewards. The third merit lies in the institution progress. When autocratic leadership is employed, the success of an institution ends at the point the tenure of the school principal ends. Since the school head was the sole decision maker and enforcer, he or she leaves behind no person with the necessary skills to succeed him or her.

Indeed, the teachers cannot work without being controlled as they are used to following set instructions.