Questionnaire on TQM and change

TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT AS A RESPONSE TO EDUCATIONAL CHANGES IN SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

The purpose of this questionnaire is to find out whether there are schools which are managed through a total quality management approach which encourages continuous improvement of performance in all aspects of schooling. It is also the purpose of this questionnaire to find out whether educational changes introduced in the South African Education system since 1994, are indeed bringing about the desired improvements of quality education and effective schools. Thirdly, this questionnaire seeks to find out whether school managers are properly equipped with the necessary skills to manage or cope with this change.

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1. Respondent number	V 1 1-3
2. Card number	V 2 4
SECTION A: BIOGRAPHICAL DATA	
Kindly put a cross or answer on the space provided.	
1. What is your age in complete years?	
2. In which district/area is your school located?	V 3r 5-6
	V 4 7
3. In which circuit is your school located?	
A SERVICE GRADE & LEE	V 5 8
4. What is your present position?	
Principal 1 Deputy Principal 2 Head of Department 3 Educator 4	V 6 9
What type of school are you attached to?	
Primary 1 Intermediate/Combined 2 Secondary 3	V710
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SECTI	ON B:					
This section is aimed at finding out whether schools are managed in a way which ensures an on-going high standard of teaching and learning, in other words, whether they are managed in a way which ensures and encourages continuous improvement in their total performances, academic and otherwise.						
In this to you	section you simply put a cross on the	block that applies				
	Example:	YES NO				
If you NO as	disagree with the question, then you p indicated above.	ut a cross on				
6.	Does your school focus on satisfying its customers, that is, learners, parents and the community?	YES NO	V 8		11	
7.	Does your school have policies and plans which ensure the achievement of high standards of performance by all in the school?	YES NO	V 9		12	
8.	Are all staff members in your school clear about their roles and responsibilities?	YES NO	V10		13	
9.	Has there been a continuous improvement on your school's external examination results for the past two years?	YES NO	V11		14	
10.	Does your school encourage creativity by staff members?	YES NO	V12		15	
· 11.	Does your school view quality as a means to improve customer satisfaction?	YES NO	V13		16 .	
12.	Does your school have good discipline for both learners and educators?	YES NO	V14		17	
13.	Does your school have clear evaluation strategies?	YES NO	V15		18	
14.	Does your school have clearly outlined vision and mission statements?	YES NO	V16		19	

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15. Do all members of staff in your school know about the vision and mission Statement of the school (could they Describe if it asked	YES	NO		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY V 17 20
16. Does your school have a clean and Orderly school surrounding?	YES	NO		V 18 21
17. Does your school have a professionally qualified staff	YES	NO		V 19 22
SECTION C:				
This section is aimed at finding out whether introduced in the South African education sindeed brought about any significant improve system in general and the performance of milearners in particular, as compared to the pre-In this section, put a cross on the block that appropriate the section is a section of the section.	ystem si ments ir anagers, 1994 edi	nce 199 the educate education s	94, has acation ors and system.	
18. Parental and community involvement	Better	Same	Worse	V 20 23
and support in your school at present.	3	2	1	V 21 24
19. Frequent monitoring of learner progress	3	2	1	
20. Emphasis on teaching and learning in your school.	3	2	1	V 22 25
21. Teachers commitment to teaching	3	2	1	V 23 26
your school.				V 24 27
22. Learners commitment to attending all periods everyday except with valid	3	2	1	7 24
reasons like being sick for instance				
23. Commitment to continuous improvement of performance by both educators	3	2	1	V 25 28
and learners.			7	V 26 29
24. Attendance and punctuality by educators in your school	3	2	1	
25. Attendance and punctuality by learners In your school	3	2	1	V 27 30

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16	earners discipline, hardwork and munitment at present in your school	3	2	1	V 28 31
6	ecognition of learner achievement y way of giving awards to e best achievers.	3	2	1	V 29 32 V 30 33
28. H	ealthy human relationship between rincipal, staff, learners and parents.	3	2	1	V 30 33
f:	rovision of adequate teaching acilities enough classrooms, libraries aboratories and security fencing.	3	2	1	V 31 34
30. Si	upply of water, electricity, writing aterials and textbooks.	3	2	1	V 32 35
31. S	haring of rsponsibilities by educators mongst themselves – co-operative	3	2	1	V 33 36
32. P	emwork. rincipal's dedication, loyalty and ommitment in leading change in your school.	3	2	1	
SECT	ITION D:				
This section seeks to find out whether school managers are properly equipped with the necessary managerial skills to manage or cope with this situation. Put a cross on the block that is relevant to your situation as in previous sections.					
33.	Do you as a school manager posse the skills of managing a school management team on all education matters?		/ES	NO	V 35 38 V 36 39
34.	Do you possess skills for managing change?	g [ZES	NO	
35.	Are you given regular in-service training in conflict management?	7	ES	NO	V 37 40
36.	Are you given regular in-service training in financial management?	Y	ES	NO	V 38 41

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37.	Are you skilled in strategic planning and education transformation or change?	YES NO	V39		42
38.	Do you possess skills to engage your subordinates in the running of your school such as organisation, planning, delegation and evaluation?	YES NO	V40		43
39.	Do you possess skills to maintain an interpersonal relations in the school as well as sound working climate?	YES NO	V41		44
40.	Do you attend training programmes where your communication skills are further developed?	YES NO	V42		45
41.	Do you possess skills to negotiate effectively with staff, students and the community?	YES NO	V43		46
42.	Have you developed skills in decision making and problem solving?	YES NO	V44		47
43.	Does your district office offer opportunities for continuing professional development for managers and staff?	YES NO	V45		48
44.	Does your school possess the followi on policy and law of education?	ng documents			
44.1	White Paper on Education and Training of the 15th March 1995 (Act No 196 of 1995)?	YES NO	V46		49 .
44.2	National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No 27 of 1996) - dealing with admission, policy for ordinary public schools?	YES NO	V47		50
44.3	South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act No 84 of 1996) - dealing with national norms and standards for school funding?	YES NO	V48		51

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44.4.	Understanding the SA School Act- What public school governors need To know – aimed at explaining the basic aspects of SASA of 1996 as it applies to the public schools?	YES NO	V 49 52
44.5.	Guidelines for the consideration of Governing bodies in adopting a code of conduct for learners (Government 1998) Gazette No 18900 of May 1998) which is based on the SASA.	YES NO	V 50 53
45.	Are the above-mentioned policy documents being followed or consulted in the day to day running of your school?	YES NO	V 51 54
46.	Do members of your staff understand and implement the South African School Acts of 1996 as it applies to the public schools?	YES NO	V 52 55
47.	Are your governing body members In possession of the documents: Understanding the S.A. schools Act-what public school governors need to know?	YES NO	V 53 56
48.	Do they understand and implement the contents of the document in 47 above:	YES NO	V 54 57
49.	Is your school run in accordance with the provision as laid down in the above stated policy documents?	YES NO	V 55 58
Т	HANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR	EFFORTS!!	

Follow-up structured interview probe on TQM and change

YES

NO

A Follow-up Structured Interview Probe on TQM

To Selected Principals, Deputies, HOD's and Educators.

Please answer these few questions honestly and without reservations. Anonymity is strongly guaranteed as no name of individual or school is needed.

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1.	Does your school strives towards satisfying the needs and expectations that is, learners, parents and the community?	of its cus	stomers,
		YES	NO
2.	Does your school view quality work (work of a high standard) as a recustomer satisfaction.	neans to	improve
		YES	NO
3.	Do all educators in your school (under normal circumstances) teach school days?	all period	is on all
	The second state of the se	YES	NO
4.	Are all learners in your school committed to attending all periods even	ryday exc	ept with
	valid reasons like sickness for example?	YES	NO
5.	Is attendance by all educators good?	[Taro
		YES	NO
6.	Is punctuality by all educators good?	YES	NO
7	Is attendance by all learners good?		
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8.	Is punctuality by all learners good?	Type	NO
		YES	INO
9.	Does your school have good discipline for learners?	YES	NO
10	Is there an improvement on parental involvement and support in you	school a	t present?

leaned	Are all staff members in your school committed to continuous improvement of performance?				
		YES	NO		
12.	Have the changes introduced since 1994 brought any improvement in y	our sch	pol?		
		YES	NO		
13.	Do you think there are quality schools which offer quality education in you district?	our circu	uit and or		
		YES	NO		
14.	Is your school one of the quality schools which offer quality education in or district?	your ci	rcuit and		
		- 1	NO		
15.	According to you, what is that makes a school "a quality school". Nan characteristics which "quality school? should have.	ne two			

Thank you very much for your time and efforts!!

Application to conduct research in the Northern Region of the Northern

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PERMISSION TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN THE NORTHERN REGION (3)

I am currently conducting a research project on "Total Quality Management as a response to educational changes in school management" with the University of Pretoria.

I wish to be given permission by your Department to distribute question and to randomly selected Principal, Deputy Principals and H.O.D's of some primary and secondary schools in your region.

The results of this study along with recommendations will be made available to your department. Attached hereto please find a letter confirming my registration with the university.

Hoping to receive your positive response as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

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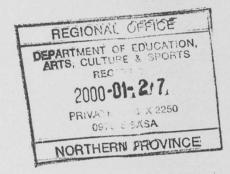
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PERMISSION TO CONDUCT RESEARCH: MR.M.H.LUKHWARENI(EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT).

- 1. The above matter refers.
- 2. Permission is hereby granted to Mr. M.H.Lukhwareni to conduct research in schools under our region's jurisdiction as part of his studies with the University of Pretoria. The topic of his research is:-

TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT AS A RESPONSE TO EDUCATIONAL CHANGES IN SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

3. He would like to distribute questionaires to Principals, Deputy principals, HOD's and educators to get their views on the changes introduced since the year 1994. Those who shall have taken part in the research shall get access to his findings.

The Region requests all the schools staff to co-operate with him by rendering any assistance that will ensure the success of his research.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR: EDUCATION

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Request to school management teams and educators

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TO SCHOOL MANAGEMENT TEAMS AND EDUCATORS

I am conducting a research study on "Total Quality Management as a response to educational changes in school management".

This study postulates that total management, or simply continuous improvement can only take place if the school management team (principal, deputy and HOD's) and educators are committed to it. Similarly, the school management team and educators are also crucial for the successful implementation of educational changes in schools.

As a valued and experienced member of the school management team and educator I am therefore eager to obtain your response which I think will help immensely in this research study.

I would appreciate it if you would complete the questionnaires and return them to your principal from whom I will collect them. You do not have to write your name or that of your school on the questionnaire as no individual or school will be identified when reporting the results of this research study. Strict confidentiality and anonymity will be observed and maintained in this research undertaking.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully

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