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Transformational Leadership in Education: Enhancing Teacher Performance through Effective Management

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ABSTRACT

Transformational leadership has been identified as an effective approach to mitigate these challenges by fostering supportive, innovative, and empowering school environments. This study aims to investigate the multifaceted influence of transformational leadership on teacher performance enhancement, burnout reduction, and professional development through effective management practices. Employing a library research methodology, the study synthesizes recent empirical evidence and theoretical frameworks from peer-reviewed literature published within the past five years. Data were collected and analyzed through systematic review and thematic synthesis of scholarly articles focusing on transformational leadership in educational settings. The findings demonstrate that transformational leadership substantially enhances teacher motivation and job satisfaction by providing individualized support and cultivating a shared sense of purpose. Instructional support through mentoring, guidance, and feedback strengthens teaching effectiveness, while a positive school climate mediated by transformational leadership fosters trust and collaboration. Furthermore, transformational leadership promotes continuous professional learning and pedagogical innovation by creating psychologically safe environments conducive to reflection and experimentation.

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INTRODUCTION

In recent years, educational institutions have been increasingly challenged to improve teacher performance as a key driver of student success. However, systemic barriers such as rigid bureaucratic structures, lack of motivation, and insufficient professional development continue to hinder teacher effectiveness (**Nguyen et al., 2020**). Leadership style has emerged

as a pivotal factor influencing these dynamics, with transformational leadership gaining attention as a promising model that can motivate, inspire, and elevate teacher performance within educational settings.

Transformational leadership, characterized by its focus on vision, individualized support, intellectual stimulation, and inspirational motivation, has been found to foster a more positive school climate and greater professional commitment among teachers (**Shatzer et al., 2023**). Unlike transactional leadership, which often relies on reward and punishment, transformational leaders emphasize personal development and shared goals. This leadership style aligns well with the demands of contemporary education, which requires adaptive thinking, innovation, and collaborative problem-solving (**Leithwood & Sun, 2021**).

Despite growing interest, there remains a gap in the empirical understanding of how transformational leadership directly influences teacher performance in different educational contexts. Particularly in developing countries or regions facing systemic resource constraints, the role of leadership in managing human capital becomes even more critical (**Asiyai, 2022**). Therefore, this study seeks to examine how transformational leadership practices contribute to enhancing teacher performance through effective management strategies, with an emphasis on fostering intrinsic motivation, professional competence, and accountability.

The urgency of this research is underscored by ongoing educational reforms and post-pandemic recovery efforts, which demand that school leaders not only manage institutional operations but also act as agents of change (**Bush & Glover, 2020**). By exploring the link between transformational leadership and teacher performance, this study aims to provide practical insights for school leaders, policymakers, and education managers seeking to build resilient and high-performing teaching environments.

RESEARCH METHOD

This study adopts a library research design, which is a qualitative approach that relies on the critical examination of existing scholarly sources to explore theoretical and conceptual frameworks. Library research enables researchers to synthesize diverse viewpoints, identify knowledge gaps, and construct analytical arguments based on documented evidence rather than empirical fieldwork (**Zed, 2022**). This method is particularly suitable for studies that aim to develop or refine theoretical insights—such as the application of transformational leadership theory in educational settings—without engaging in direct observation or experimentation.

The data collection process involved systematically reviewing academic literature, including peer-reviewed journal articles, books, institutional reports, and policy documents published within the last five years. Sources were retrieved primarily from online academic databases such as Scopus, Web of Science, JSTOR, and Google Scholar using keywords such as “transformational leadership,” “teacher performance,” “educational management,” and “school leadership.” Criteria for inclusion were: (1) relevance to the topic, (2) publication date within the last five years, and (3) publication in reputable academic or institutional outlets. Secondary data were also drawn from reputable educational organizations such as UNESCO and OECD where applicable.

The collected data were subjected to qualitative content analysis, a method used to interpret textual information through systematic coding and thematic categorization (**Bengtsson, 2016**). The analysis focused on identifying recurring themes, conceptual frameworks, and empirical findings relevant to the relationship between transformational

leadership and teacher performance. Key themes were then organized to highlight theoretical connections, contradictions, and emerging trends in the field. This analytical process allowed for the construction of a coherent narrative that integrates theory and practice within the context of educational leadership and management. By employing a library research method, this study contributes to the theoretical understanding of how transformational leadership functions as a strategic management tool in enhancing teacher performance. It also provides a structured foundation for future empirical research that may seek to test these findings in real-world educational contexts.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Transformational Leadership Enhances Teacher Motivation and Job Satisfaction

One of the most compelling findings from this study is the clear influence of transformational leadership on teacher motivation and job satisfaction. In the context of education, leadership styles are not merely administrative tools—they shape the everyday experience of teachers and directly affect their emotional engagement with their work. Transformational leaders, by articulating a clear vision and showing genuine care for individual staff members, can help teachers find deeper meaning in their roles (**Leithwood & Sun, 2021**).

Transformational leadership is defined by several core behaviors: individualized consideration, intellectual stimulation, inspirational motivation, and idealized influence (**Bass & Riggio, 2006**). When applied effectively in schools, these elements contribute to a work environment where teachers feel valued, supported, and professionally fulfilled. This style of leadership has been shown to correlate positively with higher levels of teacher engagement, enthusiasm, and commitment to continuous improvement (Nguyen et al., 2020). One key mechanism through which transformational leadership improves motivation is through individualized consideration. Leaders who take time to understand the personal and professional needs of teachers foster a culture of empathy and trust. Teachers in such environments report feeling more respected and empowered, which reinforces their internal motivation to perform well (**Shatzer et al., 2023**). The sense that their well-being matters to school leaders can lead to enhanced satisfaction with their work and work environment.

Another powerful aspect is inspirational motivation. Transformational leaders articulate a compelling vision for the school's future and align teachers with that vision through encouragement and positive reinforcement. This motivational climate stimulates a sense of shared purpose, where teachers feel they are contributing to something meaningful beyond routine classroom tasks (**Bush & Glover, 2020**). This, in turn, nurtures job satisfaction as teachers perceive their efforts as impactful and valued. Job satisfaction among teachers is not solely dependent on external rewards or working conditions—it is deeply influenced by the psychological environment created by leadership. Transformational leaders enhance intrinsic motivation by promoting autonomy, recognizing achievements, and encouraging innovation in teaching strategies. Teachers who experience this kind of leadership report higher satisfaction because their creativity and professionalism are acknowledged and utilized (**Asiyai, 2022**).

In schools led by transformational leaders, professional development is often personalized and linked to teachers' strengths and interests. This tailored approach demonstrates respect for teacher agency and supports long-term career satisfaction. When professional growth is seen not as an obligation but as an opportunity for self-actualization,

motivation increases organically (**Leithwood & Sun, 2021**). As a result, teachers are more likely to engage actively in school improvement efforts and collaborate meaningfully with colleagues. Furthermore, transformational leadership fosters a positive organizational culture that supports collaboration, mutual respect, and shared decision-making. These cultural attributes contribute to a sense of belonging and psychological safety, both of which are critical for maintaining motivation and satisfaction over time (**Nguyen et al., 2020**). Teachers working in such environments report lower levels of stress and greater emotional resilience.

Evidence also suggests that transformational leadership can buffer against the effects of teacher burnout and dissatisfaction, especially in high-pressure or resource-constrained settings. When leaders provide consistent support, clear communication, and recognition, teachers are better equipped to handle challenges and remain committed to their roles (**Shatzer et al., 2023**). This stability is especially vital in contexts where external pressures on educators are increasing. Another important aspect is the leader's ability to model ethical and passionate commitment to education. Teachers tend to mirror the attitudes and behaviors of leaders they respect. When leaders are seen as role models—demonstrating integrity, optimism, and dedication—teachers are more likely to emulate those traits, which enhances both personal fulfillment and professional performance (**Bush & Glover, 2020**).

Transformational leadership serves as a powerful catalyst for improving both teacher motivation and job satisfaction. By fostering a culture of trust, vision, and individual recognition, school leaders can elevate the emotional and professional well-being of teachers. This, in turn, leads to higher levels of instructional quality, stronger student outcomes, and a more resilient educational environment overall.

Instructional Support from Leaders Strengthens Teaching Effectiveness

One of the most significant dimensions of transformational leadership in education is the provision of consistent instructional support by school leaders. In contrast to traditional top-down management styles, transformational leaders engage directly with the teaching and learning process by offering pedagogical guidance, professional mentoring, and formative feedback. These practices contribute to enhancing instructional quality and ultimately improve student achievement (**Leithwood & Sun, 2021**). By situating themselves as instructional leaders, principals and administrators can play a vital role in shaping effective classroom practices.

Rather than serving purely as managers of institutional operations, transformational leaders embrace the role of instructional coaches. This means engaging with teachers in ongoing dialogues about pedagogy, supporting the development of lesson plans, and offering feedback rooted in observation and collaboration. When leaders invest time in understanding classroom realities and working alongside teachers to overcome instructional challenges, the quality of teaching improves significantly (**Hitt & Tucker, 2020**). Instructional support is particularly powerful when it is personalized and context-sensitive. Leaders who tailor their guidance based on the specific needs, subject areas, and teaching styles of individual educators foster more meaningful professional development. Teachers benefit from this customized support because it acknowledges their professional agency while guiding them toward higher levels of performance (**Nguyen et al., 2020**). The trust that emerges from such tailored mentoring deepens the professional relationship and enhances receptivity to feedback.

Another crucial element of instructional support involves ongoing feedback cycles. Feedback that is timely, constructive, and focused on growth rather than evaluation builds a culture of continuous improvement. Transformational leaders prioritize formative assessments of teaching that are supportive rather than punitive. When feedback is delivered in a spirit of partnership, teachers are more likely to reflect critically on their practices and implement necessary adjustments (**Robinson et al., 2020**). Professional learning communities (PLCs) often emerge in schools led by transformational leaders who value instructional collaboration. These communities provide structured opportunities for teachers to share best practices, analyze student data, and co-plan lessons. When facilitated by visionary leaders, PLCs become dynamic spaces for instructional innovation and mutual support (**Klar et al., 2020**). This collaborative environment strengthens not only individual teaching performance but also collective school effectiveness.

Instructional leadership also includes modeling effective practices. Leaders who demonstrate knowledge of teaching methods, understand curriculum demands, and stay current with educational research can offer more credible and practical support to teachers. This modeling builds respect and reinforces the leader's role as a knowledgeable partner in the learning process (**Bush & Glover, 2020**). Teachers are more responsive to instructional guidance when they see that their leaders possess pedagogical expertise. In schools that prioritize instructional support, teachers report feeling more confident and capable in their instructional roles. The availability of guidance and resources reduces uncertainty and fosters a sense of preparedness. This enhanced self-efficacy among teachers is directly correlated with higher student engagement and achievement (**Shatzer et al., 2023**). Instructional support therefore functions as both a motivational and technical lever in education.

Moreover, leaders who support instruction set the tone for evidence-based teaching. By encouraging the use of data to inform instruction and student interventions, leaders help teachers align their strategies with measurable learning goals. This results in more targeted teaching and improved student performance (**Nguyen et al., 2020**). Data-informed leadership ensures that instructional support is not only frequent but also strategic. Transformational leadership in instructional support also plays a protective role against professional stagnation. Teachers who receive consistent feedback, new strategies, and intellectual stimulation are more likely to remain engaged with their profession and avoid burnout. In environments where leaders value instructional growth, teachers experience greater job satisfaction and resilience (**Asiyai, 2022**). This sustained enthusiasm contributes to long-term school improvement.

Instructional support provided by transformational leaders is a critical driver of teaching effectiveness. Through coaching, feedback, collaboration, and modeling, educational leaders elevate both the technical and emotional dimensions of teaching. By prioritizing instruction as a central concern of school leadership, these leaders empower teachers to succeed in complex and demanding classroom contexts.

School Climate Mediates the Impact of Leadership on Teacher Performance

A central insight from contemporary educational leadership research is that school climate serves as a vital mediating factor between leadership practices and teacher performance. While transformational leadership directly shapes organizational direction, its indirect influence through the cultivation of school climate can be even more powerful in sustaining

teacher effectiveness. Leaders who foster environments of openness, trust, and mutual respect enable teachers to thrive both professionally and personally (**Nguyen et al., 2020**).

Transformational leaders intentionally build positive school climates by modeling respectful communication, encouraging collaboration, and reinforcing shared values. These practices generate a collective culture where teachers feel psychologically safe, professionally supported, and emotionally engaged. A healthy school climate becomes a foundational platform upon which teacher performance can be improved in meaningful and sustainable ways (**Leithwood & Sun, 2021**). One of the most consistent findings in recent studies is the role of trust as a cornerstone of effective school climates. When teachers perceive their leaders as trustworthy—consistent, fair, and invested in teacher development—they are more likely to show higher levels of performance. Trust enhances openness to feedback, risk-taking in pedagogy, and willingness to engage in collaborative efforts, all of which directly impact instructional quality (**Shatzer et al., 2023**).

Moreover, transformational leaders support open communication channels within schools, which reinforce clarity and collective understanding. When school leaders communicate transparently about goals, expectations, and institutional challenges, teachers are empowered to align their efforts with the school's vision. This alignment fosters unity of purpose and shared commitment, both of which are crucial for professional performance (**Bush & Glover, 2020**). A positive climate also addresses emotional and psychological aspects of teacher performance. Schools that feel inclusive, collaborative, and safe allow teachers to focus their energies on instruction rather than interpersonal conflict or administrative tensions. Such environments have been linked with lower teacher burnout rates and increased job satisfaction, which are both critical contributors to long-term performance (**Asiyai, 2022**).

The mediating role of school climate becomes particularly salient in high-stakes or high-pressure educational environments. Under stressful conditions—such as policy reforms, standardized testing, or resource constraints—a supportive school climate can buffer against teacher demotivation and decline in performance. Transformational leaders who nurture resilience through positive climate management help teachers remain focused and productive (**Klar et al., 2020**). Importantly, the quality of the relationship between school leaders and their staff functions as a dynamic indicator of climate health. When leaders show genuine concern for teacher well-being, engage in active listening, and provide consistent encouragement, relational trust deepens. This relational dimension often predicts teacher engagement and instructional improvement more strongly than formal management procedures alone (**Robinson et al., 2020**).

Furthermore, the presence of a shared vision within the school community—championed by transformational leaders—reinforces a sense of purpose. Teachers who identify with the goals of the institution are more motivated to innovate, collaborate, and persevere through challenges. A shared vision strengthens the collective ethos and becomes a unifying force that sustains high performance over time (**Nguyen et al., 2020**). School climate also mediates performance by encouraging professional learning and growth. Environments that celebrate inquiry, experimentation, and reflective dialogue enable teachers to continuously refine their practice. When leaders facilitate peer learning, interdisciplinary collaboration, and ongoing feedback, they create a culture of professional excellence that enhances instructional impact (**Hitt & Tucker, 2020**).

While leadership practices are essential for organizational functioning, their greatest influence on teacher performance is realized through the creation of a supportive and

collaborative school climate. Transformational leaders who prioritize relationship-building, trust, and shared purpose effectively elevate teacher performance not by mandate, but by cultivating an environment where excellence becomes the norm.

Leadership Affects Teachers' Professional Learning and Innovation

In the evolving landscape of 21st-century education, leadership has emerged as a pivotal force in shaping how teachers pursue professional learning and embrace innovation in pedagogy. Transformational leadership, in particular, is closely linked to fostering environments that promote continuous professional development and experimentation in teaching methods. Leaders who articulate a compelling vision, provide autonomy, and model learning themselves can powerfully influence teachers' willingness to reflect on their practices and seek growth opportunities (**Bush & Glover, 2020**).

One of the defining characteristics of transformational leaders is their ability to inspire a culture of lifelong learning among educators. These leaders do not merely endorse professional development in theory; they create structures, allocate resources, and provide encouragement that allows teachers to engage in meaningful learning experiences. By doing so, they transform professional learning from an obligation into a dynamic, teacher-driven process (**Hitt & Tucker, 2020**). Empowered by such leadership, teachers are more likely to engage in reflective practices—an essential component of instructional improvement. Reflection enables teachers to assess the effectiveness of their teaching strategies, adapt to diverse student needs, and identify areas for professional growth. When leaders affirm this reflective process and provide feedback that supports experimentation, teachers gain the confidence to try new methods without fear of failure (**Robinson et al., 2020**).

Transformational leadership also promotes risk-taking and innovation by fostering psychological safety within schools. When teachers feel supported and trusted, they are more willing to depart from routine practices and adopt novel instructional strategies. This openness to pedagogical innovation is especially critical in today's rapidly changing educational contexts, where adaptability is key to meeting student needs (**Leithwood & Sun, 2021**). Furthermore, transformational leaders are known to encourage collaborative professional learning. Through communities of practice, peer coaching, and shared inquiry, teachers can collectively generate and refine instructional innovations. Leaders who facilitate such collaboration not only enhance individual teacher learning but also build institutional capacity for change (**Nguyen et al., 2020**).

Leadership plays an equally important role in shaping attitudes toward technological integration in education. In the post-pandemic era, the adoption of digital tools and blended learning models requires both technical support and visionary encouragement. Leaders who demonstrate digital competence and support teachers in integrating technology into their practice help drive instructional innovation and increase teacher confidence in digital spaces (**Asiyai, 2022**). In addition to promoting innovation, transformational leaders foster a mindset of continuous inquiry. By emphasizing evidence-based practices and encouraging teachers to use data in making instructional decisions, they help create a professional culture where improvement is guided by reflective analysis and student outcomes. This inquiry-based orientation is vital for sustaining high-quality instruction in the long term (**Shatzer et al., 2023**).

Teachers in schools with strong transformational leadership also report higher levels of motivation to pursue advanced qualifications, such as postgraduate degrees, certifications,

and workshops. This professional ambition is often stimulated by leaders who value expertise, celebrate learning achievements, and create pathways for career progression. In this way, leadership shapes not only immediate classroom practices but also long-term professional trajectories (**Klar et al., 2020**). Moreover, transformational leadership supports equity in access to learning opportunities. By identifying the diverse developmental needs of their staff and providing differentiated support, leaders ensure that all teachers—regardless of experience level or background—can engage in meaningful professional growth. This inclusive approach helps close gaps in instructional quality and supports innovation across the teaching force (**Bush & Glover, 2020**).

Ultimately, the impact of transformational leadership on professional learning and innovation lies in its capacity to nurture a culture of growth, experimentation, and trust. In such an environment, teachers do not view change as a threat, but as an opportunity. This cultural shift is what enables schools to remain responsive to evolving educational demands and to continuously improve the quality of teaching and learning.

Transformational Leadership Reduces Teacher Burnout and Turnover

Teacher burnout and turnover have become persistent challenges in educational systems worldwide, especially in the wake of increasing demands, limited resources, and emotional strain associated with the teaching profession. Recent studies have identified transformational leadership as a key factor in mitigating these issues, due to its capacity to foster emotional well-being and professional satisfaction among teachers (**Asiyai, 2022**).

Transformational leaders distinguish themselves through a leadership style that emphasizes empathy, encouragement, and recognition of individual contributions. They support teachers not only in achieving professional goals but also in managing emotional stressors. By creating a culture of psychological safety and appreciation, such leaders help alleviate the emotional burden that often leads to burnout (**Leithwood & Sun, 2021**). One significant way transformational leadership reduces burnout is by promoting a positive school climate in which teachers feel valued and heard. Teachers working in supportive environments are less likely to experience emotional exhaustion and depersonalization—two critical components of burnout syndrome. When school leaders acknowledge teachers' efforts and provide space for voice and agency, it can foster renewed commitment and reduce withdrawal tendencies (**Kraft et al., 2020**).

Additionally, transformational leaders tend to maintain open and empathetic communication with their staff, which enables early identification of stress and professional dissatisfaction. By checking in regularly and encouraging feedback, leaders can intervene proactively before burnout escalates into disengagement or resignation. This relational attentiveness fosters mutual respect and trust between teachers and administrators (**Robinson et al., 2020**). Burnout is also strongly linked to a sense of professional stagnation. Transformational leaders combat this by providing opportunities for career development, professional learning, and innovation. When teachers are supported in growing professionally, their sense of purpose and fulfillment is renewed, reducing the likelihood of burnout and turnover (**Bush & Glover, 2020**).

Moreover, emotional intelligence plays a pivotal role in transformational leadership. Leaders who demonstrate self-awareness, empathy, and emotional regulation are more capable of guiding their staff through challenging times. Emotional intelligence not only helps leaders respond compassionately to teacher needs but also models effective emotional coping

mechanisms, which can ripple positively through the school culture (**Klar et al., 2020**). Another core practice of transformational leadership is the cultivation of a shared vision, which provides a unifying purpose for all school stakeholders. Teachers who align with the school's mission are more likely to experience intrinsic motivation, which buffers against burnout. Shared goals build cohesion and collective efficacy, allowing educators to face challenges together rather than in isolation (**Nguyen et al., 2020**). Recognition and affirmation are further tools employed by transformational leaders to enhance morale. By celebrating teacher achievements—whether big or small—leaders create a culture of appreciation. This culture not only improves teacher self-worth but also reduces feelings of being undervalued, a key factor contributing to resignation decisions (**Hitt & Tucker, 2020**).

Transformational leadership also addresses workload management, which is often cited as a major cause of burnout. Leaders who are attentive to workload distribution, time demands, and administrative burdens help prevent chronic stress among teachers. When educators feel that their time and efforts are respected, they are more likely to remain committed and enthusiastic in their roles (**Shatzer et al., 2023**). Transformational leadership offers a multidimensional strategy to reduce teacher burnout and turnover. Through emotional support, professional empowerment, recognition, and relational trust, transformational leaders foster an environment where teachers feel fulfilled and sustained. This leadership style thus not only improves teacher well-being but also plays a crucial role in maintaining educational quality and institutional continuity.

CONCLUSION

Transformational leadership plays a critical role in enhancing teacher motivation, instructional effectiveness, professional learning, and innovation while simultaneously reducing burnout and turnover through emotional and moral support. By fostering a positive school climate characterized by trust, open communication, and shared vision, transformational leaders create an environment that nurtures teacher well-being, professional growth, and collaborative practice. Their emphasis on individualized consideration, psychological safety, and recognition empowers teachers to engage in reflective practices and adopt innovative instructional strategies, which ultimately improves student outcomes and sustains educational quality. The integration of emotional intelligence in leadership further strengthens relational dynamics, facilitating early identification of stress and promoting resilience. Consequently, transformational leadership not only addresses immediate instructional challenges but also builds long-term institutional capacity and teacher retention, underscoring its indispensable role in effective school management and educational success.

LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS

Although this study provides a theoretically rich and well-structured conceptual analysis of transformational leadership in enhancing teacher performance, it is not without its limitations. *First*, the research adopts a library-based qualitative methodology, relying entirely on secondary data. While this method allows for an extensive synthesis of theoretical and empirical literature, it does not engage with primary data collection such as interviews, surveys, or field observations. As a result, the findings remain at the level of theoretical generalization and may lack context-specific nuance or validation.

Second, the study does not account for the variability in educational systems across cultural, political, and institutional contexts. Transformational leadership practices may manifest differently depending on the socio-political environment of schools, particularly in under-resourced or decentralized educational settings. The lack of empirical differentiation across these contexts limits the generalizability of the conclusions. *Third,* although the study identifies several mechanisms through which transformational leadership can impact teacher motivation, performance, and professional development, it does not quantify these relationships. Without statistical analysis or case-based metrics, the strength and significance of these relationships remain inferential. This also restricts the ability to compare the impact of transformational leadership against other leadership models such as instructional or distributed leadership. *Fourth,* while the paper acknowledges the emotional intelligence and relational capacity of transformational leaders in mitigating burnout and turnover, it does not explore how these competencies are developed, sustained, or measured in real-world leadership development programs. This presents a gap in understanding how to translate the theoretical virtues of transformational leadership into actionable competencies for school administrators.

In light of these limitations, several recommendations are offered for future research. *First,* empirical studies using mixed methods—combining qualitative interviews with quantitative surveys—should be conducted to investigate how transformational leadership is practiced in diverse educational contexts. These studies could assess the lived experiences of teachers and school leaders to determine the practical effectiveness of transformational leadership in situ. *Second,* longitudinal research is needed to evaluate the sustained impact of transformational leadership on teacher retention, instructional quality, and student achievement over time. Such studies would offer insights into whether the benefits of this leadership style are temporary or cumulative.

Third, comparative studies examining transformational leadership alongside other leadership frameworks could help clarify its relative efficacy and contextual appropriateness. This would enable education policymakers and practitioners to make more informed decisions about leadership training and school management strategies. *Fourth,* future investigations should explore the integration of emotional intelligence training in leadership development programs. Understanding how school leaders acquire and apply emotional intelligence could inform the design of leadership curricula aimed at improving relational leadership capacities.

Lastly, researchers should examine the intersection of transformational leadership with issues of equity, inclusion, and teacher diversity. Investigating whether and how transformational leadership fosters inclusive school climates may contribute to the advancement of socially just educational practices. By addressing these limitations and exploring these future directions, research on transformational leadership can evolve toward a more contextually grounded, empirically supported, and practically applicable framework for improving teacher performance and overall educational outcomes.

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