



INFLUENCE OF JOB SATISFACTION ON TEACHER'S JOB PERFORMANCE IN PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL IN BENUE STATE, NIGERIA.

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Abstract

This study investigated the influence of job satisfaction on teachers' job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State, Nigeria. Key variables examined included staff welfare, physical facilities, principals' leadership styles, staff promotion, and staff training-factors identified as critical to both teacher satisfaction and performance. the study adopted a descriptive survey design. The teachers and principals from 304 government-owned population comprised 4,888 teacher secondary schools, with a sample of 370 participants selected using a multistage sampling technique. Data were collected using a researcher-developed questionnaire (JSTJPQ), whose reliability was confirmed through a pilot test using Cronbach's Alpha. Descriptive statistics mean and standard deviation) were used to analyze research questions, while Chi- square tests were employed to test the hypotheses at a 0.05 significance level. Findings revealed that all the variables significantly influenced teachers job performance. Specifically, staff welfare, had strong positive effects, while leadership style, school location, promotion, and training also played significant roles. The study concludes that enhancing job satisfaction through targeted improvements in these areas can lead to better teacher performance. It recommends strategic policy actions focused on staff welfare, leadership, equitable promotion, and continuous

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Introduction

Background to the Study

Generally, workers may come to organizations with expectations of having their personal needs met, such as a good working environment, welfare packages, and other incentives. Welfare packages,



physical facilities, instructional materials, and other amenities positively impact teachers' job performance and overall productivity. In many organizations like schools, a teacher's effectiveness often seems to be influenced by the conduciveness of the school atmosphere or the prevailing school climate. In order to achieve the goals and objectives of the educational system, an appropriate and conducive school climate is necessary to ensure teachers' Job performance within the school.

Job satisfaction refers to an employee's comfort level with their workplace. In the teaching profession, indicators of teachers' job satisfaction include the prompt payment of monthly salaries, staff promotions, favourable school conditions, and a supportive working environment (Adams & Martinez 2021). Dissatisfaction sets in easily when these conditions are not met. According to Abdul (2018), job satisfaction is the willingness to achieve organizational goals, conditioned by the ability to meet individual needs. When a worker is dissatisfied, it might be due to a lack of motivation, resulting in diminished interest in the job, absenteeism, reduced commitment to work, among other factors. When motivation, interest or encouragements are absent a corresponding decline in output is likely. Teachers are more likely to perform at their best when their incentives are promptly addressed.

Job performance is an individual's fulfilment of specific objectives according to defined standards and descriptions (Anderson & Clark, 2018). It encompasses behaviours and actions managed by employees that contribute to an organization's goals. Performance is heavily reliant on job satisfaction. A highly motivated teacher is more likely to achieve optimal results. Therefore, being motivated and encouraged is crucial for putting forth one's best effort.

Job performance may vary from satisfactory to unsatisfactory depending on the group's ability to work efficiently and effectively to achieve organizational aims and objectives (Amali 2013). However, teachers' job satisfaction could result from a combination of indices such as welfare packages, physical facilities, instructional materials, leadership styles, school location, staff promotions and staff training (Adeyemi, 2015).

Staff welfare may encompass a comprehensive array of strategies aimed at ensuring the physical, emotional, and psychological well-being of employees, nurturing a supportive work environment that extends beyond job-related concerns Adams & Martinez (2022). This comprehensive approach may include mental and emotional well-being, work-life balance, and personal/familial needs. It seems to involve fair compensation, benefits, health, and wellness support, professional development, and fostering a positive workplace culture (Jones & Brown, 2020). For teachers, robust staff welfare measures seem to positively influence job satisfaction, motivation, and teaching performance (Robinson, 2018). Competitive salaries, recognition, and equitable compensation incentivize commitment, enthusiasm, and effective classroom management. A supportive work environment reduces stress and burnout, enhancing mental well-being and physical health, ultimately contributing to teaching excellence and staff retention (Anderson & White, 2021). Comprehensive staff welfare programs may encourage teacher growth through professional development, enhancing classroom practices, resulting in improved student learning outcomes. Balancing work and personal life prevents burnout and strengthens teacher-student relationships, positively impacting student engagement and achievement (Thompson, 2022). Effective communication with administrators and parents, facilitated by staff welfare, fosters a cooperative school climate, boosting collective efficacy, morale, and student success. Within this interconnected framework, prioritizing staff welfare leads to thriving educators, subsequently elevating teaching quality and positively shaping the educational landscape as a whole.

Apart from staff welfare Physical facilities may also improve teachers' job performance. Physical facilities within educational institutions encompass school buildings, classrooms, libraries, laboratories, and infrastructure that contribute to learning (Dokos 2015). Modern schools necessitate well-equipped facilities like laboratories, libraries, conducive classrooms, and ICT resources (Miller, 2019). The arrangement and aesthetics of classrooms seem to influence teacher morale and student engagement. Adequate teaching tools, modern technology, and reliable internet access may enhance educators' effectiveness and enable diverse teaching techniques (Johnson & Martinez, 2020). Safety measures, including emergency exits and security systems, may ensure a secure environment for teaching and learning. Facilities designed for comfort, including ergonomic furniture, proper lighting, and ventilation, seem to positively influence teachers' well-being and teaching

performance (Roberts, 2018). Thoughtfully designed shared spaces and meeting rooms encourage collaboration among educators, fostering a sense of community and innovation (Turner & White, 2019). Spaces for parent-teacher interactions facilitate transparent communication and collaboration, enabling comprehensive student support. Well-designed facilities may create an environment conducive to effective education as well as the efficient use of instructional materials.

Promotion in the educational context involves elevating an employee to a higher position with increased responsibilities, better compensation, and enhanced working conditions (Clark, 2022). From the employee's perspective, it signifies moving to a higher grade with greater salary and duties, while from the employer's perspective, it involves filling higher posts with the most suitable individuals from within the organization (Adams & Thomson, 2023). Promotion is driven by public interest, but fairness is essential to avoid perceptions of injustice. It differs from upgrades or transfers, with promotion having inherent motivational value (Adeyem, 2015). Essential elements of promotion include position, duties, responsibility, pay, and title changes (Adeogun, 2015). Promotion positively influences teachers' motivation, engagement, job satisfaction, and overall performance (Adeyemi, 2015). It may bring acknowledgment and appreciation, fostering commitment and enthusiasm. Teachers in higher roles serve as role models, impacting respect and interactions with students, colleagues, and parents (Adams & Martinez 2021). Promotion requires aligning individual aspirations with institutional goals, leading to enhanced performance and a sense of purpose. Evaluations and feedback may play a crucial role in the promotion process, guiding staff training and performance improvement (Adams & Thomson 2023).

Staff training is a pivotal component of human resource management, aimed at enhancing the abilities of educators and the educational institution as a whole. It may involve continuous learning to improve knowledge, skills, and attitudes, fostering scholarly values and creativity (Adeyemi, 2021). Education's goal is to develop students' knowledge, skills, and character, while teachers are required to possess mastery, professional training, health, and dedication (Anderson & Martinez, 2023). Comprehensive training empowers educators with contemporary teaching methods, technology integration, and innovative strategies, resulting in improved competencies and classroom management (Brown, 2019).

Training enhances teachers' confidence, motivation, and willingness to innovate, aligning them with the evolving educational landscape (Anderson & Clark Johnson, 2019). Collaboration among educators during training encourages knowledge exchange and innovative problem-solving, contributing to a cohesive educational environment. Effective training positively impacts student learning outcomes by refining instructional approaches and facilitating personalized learning (Adams & Thompson, 2023). High-quality training initiatives may promote teacher retention, institutional excellence, and a reputation for pedagogical excellence (Anderson & White, 2020). However, training's effectiveness lies in its relevance, design, and on-going execution to address educators' evolving needs and challenges in the dynamic educational sphere (Anderson, White & Johnson, 2021). Against this background, the researcher is investigating the influence of job satisfaction on teachers' job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State.

Statement of the Problem

Job satisfaction is a crucial factor that seems to influence employees' overall job performance and organizational effectiveness. Education is the corner one of development, and teachers play a pivotal role in shaping the future. Understanding the connection between job satisfaction and job performance may help educational institutions enhance teaching quality and ultimately contribute to the holistic development of students. Over the years, there seems to be a noticeable decline in the performance of school teachers, which has potentially influenced negatively the academic achievement of secondary school students. This decline in teacher performance may have been attributed to several factors including inadequate motivation, low compensation, poor working conditions, and lack of commitment within the teaching profession. This may have led to poor performance, premature exits from teaching, recruitment of under-qualified educators, and a general lack of dedication to the profession. Consequently, some teachers have sought employment in other sectors, such as oil

companies and banking, due to more favorable salaries, benefits, and working conditions. The deterioration of the professional standards of the Nigerian school system can be attributed to poor staff welfare, poor school physical facilities, poor 'instructional materials, principals leadership styles, school location staff, inconsistency in promotion and staff training..

Despite government efforts to enhance the working conditions of secondary school teachers, such as wage increases, job security provisions, and promotion based on merit, these initiatives may have not yield a significant improvements in teachers job performance. This contrasts with other sectors where similar policies have had a positive impact. Secondary school teachers often exhibit disenchantment with their work lives, as evidenced by frequent strikes, absenteeism, truancy, and a pursuit of alternative sources of income. Moreover, the absence of essential school facilities like classrooms, workshops, libraries, and sports amenities further hampers job satisfaction and effective teaching and learning.

The Leadership style of school principals also contributes to the problem. Many principals are perceived to adopt an autocratic leadership approach, hindering open communication and collaboration between teachers and administrators. This strained relationship may potentially undermines teachers' job performance. Despite various attempts by the government to improve teachers job performance through strategies like salary Increments, job security, and fostering positive relationships among educators, these endeavors may have not yielded the desired outcomes. Given these challenges, there exists a need to investigate the impact of job satisfaction on teachers' job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State. Understanding the role of job satisfaction influencing teacher performance may provide insights into potential solutions to address the decline in educational standards and ensure a conducive learning environment for students.

Objective of the Study

The objective of this study is to examine the influence of job satisfaction on teachers' Job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State. Specifically, the study seek to:

ascertain the influence of staff welfare on teachers' job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State.

identify the influence of staff promotion on teachers' job performance.

Investigate the influence of staff training on teachers' job performance.

Research Questions

The following research questions are raised to guide the study:

To what extent does provision of staff welfare influence teachers' job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State in Benue State Local Government Areas?

To what extent does school location influence teachers' job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State?

To what extent does staff promotion influence teachers' job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State?

To what extent does staff training influence teachers' job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State?

Hypotheses

The following null hypotheses are formulated and will be tested at 0.05 level of significance:

Staff welfare have no significant influence on teachers job performance in tablic secondary schools in Benue State

Staff promotion has no significant influence on teachers' job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State.

Staff training has no significant influence on teachers' job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State.

Research method

A descriptive survey design was utilized for this study. This design was selected due to its suitability for examining a sample of the population and drawing conclusions that can be generalized to a larger group. Collection of data often through questionnaires-to interpret existing conditions, qualities, or perceptions within a given population. The present study was well-aligned with this approach. as it required data collection from a representative sample of schools and teachers to investigate the influence of job satisfaction on teachers job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State.

Several reasons justified the choice of a descriptive survey design for this research Firstly, the design facilitated the examination of a sample and enabled generalization to the broader population. Secondly, the use of questionnaires proved effective in gathering data on existing conditions, qualities, and perceptions. In this study, data were collected from representative samples of schools, teachers, and principals to assess the impact of job satisfaction on teachers' job performance. The use of a survey design provided efficiency allowing for the collection of data from a large number of participants within a relatively some period.

Descriptive statistics, including the mean and standard deviation were used to the questions. Items with a mean rating ranging from 3.50 to 4.00 were interpreted as High Extent (VHE); those with a mean rating from 2.50 to 3.49 were classified as High Extent (H mean rating from 1.50 to 2.49 was considered Low Extent (LE); and a mean rating from 1.00 to was categorized as Very Low Extent (VLE).

To test the hypotheses, the Chi-square (χ^2) goodness-of-fit test was employed at a level of significance. According to the decision rule, if the p-value obtained from square test was less than the alpha level of 0.05, the result was deemed statistically significant. In such cases, the null hypothesis was rejected, indicating a significant influence of the fim under investigation. Conversely, if the p-value was greater than or equal to 0.05, the result was not statistically significant, and the null hypothesis was retained.

The Chi-square statistic was chosen because it is an appropriate inferential stat tool for analyzing non-parametric data of this nature. its application allowed for the eff testing of associations between categorical variables relevant to the study.

Results And Biscussion

Analysis and Interpretation

A total of 370 copies of the questionnaire were taken to the field and administered to 370 respondents, with 369 copies of the questionnaire returned. The questionnaires was approximately 49.73%. The presentation, analysis, and interpretation of data were structured based on seven research questions and seven hypotheses that guided the study.

The research questions were analysed using mean and standard deviation

Research Question One: To what extent does provision of staff welfare influence teachers job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State 'n Bepxe Stare Local Gov Areas?

Table 1: Mean and Standard Deviation of Respondents on influence staff welfare teachers' on job performance in public secondary schools.

S/N	Items Description	VHE	HE	LE	VLE	N	($\bar{x}$)	SD	decision
1.	When teachers feel adequately compensated and supported, this increases their dedication to teaching	43	105	146	75	369	2.31	0.93	VLE
2.	Prompt payment of teachers' salaries motivates them to perform effectively.	116	213	40	-	369	3.21	0.62	HE
3.	When teachers have access to relevant training, workshops, and developmental programs, and development programs, these improve their.	101	203	65	-	369	3.21	0.62	HE
4.	When the salaries of the teachers are neglected, teachers performance will	116	213	65	-	369	3.21	0.65	HE
5.	Provision of good residential accommodation increase teachers' performance.	101	203	65	-	369	3.21	0.62	HE
							3.00	0.69	HE

Deviation

Source: Field Work 2025.

The analysis of Table 1 reveals that respondents generally agreed that staff welfare has a significant influence on teachers' job performance in public secondary schools. The cluster mean of 3.00 and standard deviation of 0.69 indicates a High Extent (HE) perception overall. Four of the five items had mean scores above 3.00, all falling within the High Extent range, suggesting strong agreement that prompt salary payment, access to professional development, salary consideration, and residential accommodation positively impact performance. Item 1. however, recorded a lower mean of 2.31, categorized as Low Extent (LE), indicating that fewer respondents felt that general compensation and support alone substantially increased teaching dedication. This outlier may reflect variability in how compensation is experienced across schools. Nonetheless, the overall responses support the conclusion that aspects of staff welfare-particularly tangible provisions like timely salaries and professional development opportunities-contribute meaningfully to enhanced job performance among teachers.

Research Question Two: To what extent does staff promotion influence teachers' job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State

Table 2: Mean and Standard Deviation of Respondents on influence staff promotion on teachers' on job performance in public secondary schools.

S/N	Items Description	VHE	HE	LE	VLE	N	(x)	SD	decision
1.	Staff promotion acknowledges hard, dedication and competence of	43	105	146	75	369	2.31	0.93	VLE
2.	Staff promotion expose teachers to new academic new academic environment	116	213	40	-	369	3.21	0.62	HE
3.	Staff promotion open doors to further career advancement and professional growth.	101	203	65	-	369	3.21	0.62	HE
4.	Teachers are promoted serve as role models for their colleagues, inspiring them to	116	213	40	-	369	3.10	0.65	HE
5.	Staff promotion help teachers to improve on educational ideas	101	203	65	-	369	3.21	0.62	HE
Cluster Mean/Standard							3.00	0.69	HE

Deviation

Source: Field Work 2025.

Table 3 provides data on how staff promotion influences teachers' job performance in public secondary schools, with a cluster mean of 3.00 and a standard deviation of 0.69, indicating a High Extent (HE) of influence overall. Most of the items suggest that staff promotion positively impacts various aspects of teachers' professional lives. Specifically, respondents agreed that promotion exposes teachers to new academic environments ($M = 3.21$), opens opportunities for career advancement ($M = 3.21$) helps in improving educational ideas ($M = 3.21$) and enables promoted teachers to serve as role models ($M = 3.1$) These findings highlight that promotion not only supports individual growth but also contributes to a culture of professional excellence. However, one item (Item 31), which emphasizes recognition of hard work and dedication as a motivational factor, received a low mean score ($M = 2.31$) rated as Very Low Extent (VLE). This indicates that while promotion is seen as beneficial for development, it may not be effectively perceived as a reward for effort and competence. Therefore, while staff promotion significantly influences performance, its motivational impact could be enhanced by ensuring fairness, transparency, and merit-based recognition.

Testing Hypotheses

Chi-square was used in testing the hypotheses at 0.05 alpha level of significance

Hypothesis One: Staff welfare have no significant influence on teachers' job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State

Table 4: Chi-Square Test of Influence of Staff welfare on teachers' Job performance in secondary schools

Response Options	Fo	Fe	a	df	X^{2-cal}	Asymp. Sig.	Remarks
VHE	-	-				0.000	
HE	40	123					
LE	213	123	0.05	3	122.260a		S, Reject H_0
VLE	116	123					
Total(N)	369						

The Chi-square test result ($x^2 = 122.260$, $p = 0.000$) shows a significant influence of staff welfare on teachers' job performance in secondary schools. Since the p-value is less than 0.05, the null hypothesis is rejected, indicating the staff welfare meaningfully impacts how well teachers perform their duties.

Hypothesis Two:, Staff promotion has no significant influence on teachers' job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State

Table 2 Chi-Square Test of Influence of Staff promotion on teachers' job performance in secondary schools

Response Options	Fo	Fe	a	df	X^{2-cal}	Asymp. Sig.	Remarks
VHE	92	92.3				0.000	
HE	178	92.3					
LE	76	92.3	0.05	3	186.574 ^a		S, Reject H_0
VLE	23	19.3					
Total(N)	369						

The chi-square test result ($x^2 = 186.574$, $p = 0.000$) reveals a significant influence of staff promotion on teachers's job performance in secondary schools. Given that p-value is less than 0.05, the null hypothesis is rejected, indicating that promotion practices-such as recongnition, career advancement, and exposure to new opportunities-significantly impact teachers' motivation and effectiveness in their roles.

Hypothesis Seven. Staff training has no significant Influence on teachers' job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State

Table 6: Chi-Square Test of Influence of Staff training on teachers' job performance in secondary schools

Response Options	Fo	Fe	a	df	X^{2-cal}	Asymp. Sig.	Remarks
VHE	92	92.3				0.000	
HE	178	92.3			186.574 ^a		S, Reject H ₀
LE	76	92.3	0.05	3			
VLE	23	19.3					
Total(N)	369						

The Chi-square test result (186.574, p 0.000) reveals a significant influence of staff training on teachers' job performance in secondary schools. As the p-value is less than 0.05, the null hypothesis is rejected, indicating that staff training-such as in-service programs, workshops, and professional development opportunities-meaningfully affects how well teachers perform their duties in public secondary schools in Benue State.

Discussion of Findings

In this study, 3 hypotheses were formulated and tested at the 0.05 alpha level of significance. The findings are discussed in line with the research questions and hypotheses.

The first finding indicates that staff welfare has a significant influence on teachers' job performance in secondary schools in Benue State, Nigeria. This finding aligns with research conducted by Omoregbe, Kehinde, and Adejumo (2015), which revealed that remuneration significantly affects job performance. It also showed that communication has a significant effect on job satisfaction. Similarly, Fadeyi, Sofoluwe, and Gbadeyan (2015) found a significant relationship between increased teachers salaries, promotion, and their job performance.

The second finding reveals that staff promotion significantly influences teachers' job performance in secondary schools in Benue State, Nigeria. This supports the findings of Abdul (2018), who concluded that salary, promotion, and relationships with colleagues significantly affect teachers job satisfaction.

The third finding indicates that staff training significantly influences teachers job performance in secondary schools in Benue State, Nigeria. This aligns with the work of Monyamane (2020), who found that secondary school teachers in Botswana's Central Region were significantly satisfied with the provision of professional development. Similarly, Essien, Akpan, Okon, Edem, and Obot (2016) reported a positive, albeit small, relationship between teachers' participation in in-service training, seminars, and workshops, and student academic performance social studied.

Summary, Conclusion-And-Recommendations

Summary

The study focused on the influence of job satisfaction on teachers' job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State, Nigeria. The variables examined included staff welfare. A descriptive survey design was adopted for the study. The population consisted of 4,888 teachers and principals from 304 government-owned public secondary schools in Benue State, as reported by the Benue State Teaching Service Board. The sample comprised 370 participants, selected using a multistage sampling technique that ensured representation across various regions and school types. To collect data, the researcher developed a structured questionnaire titled the Job Satisfaction and Teacher's



Job Performance Questionnaire (JSTJPQ). To determine the reliability of the instrument, a pilot test was conducted in two secondary schools in Nasarawa State, where 20 teachers were randomly selected. Their responses were analyzed using Cronbach's Alpha, which confirmed the internal consistency of the instrument, appropriate for the continuous response am

Descriptive statistics, including the mean and standard deviation, were employed to analyze responses to the research questions. Mean scores were interpreted using a four-point scale: 3.50-4.00 as Very High Extent (VHE), 2.50-3.49 as High Extent (HE), 1.50-2.49 as Low Extent (LE), and 1.00-1.49 as Very Low Extent (VLE).

The Chi-square statistical test was selected to test the hypotheses at the 0.05 level of significance, as it is suitable for analyzing non-parametric, categorical data. The analysis revealed that all seven independent variables had a significant influence on teachers' job performance. Specifically, the findings showed that staff welfare significantly influences teachers' job performance.

Furthermore, principals' leadership styles were found to significantly affecting teachers' motivation and performance. Staff promotion emerged as a motivational factor that boosts performance through recognition and advancement opportunities. Finally, staff training, particularly in-service training and professional development programs, was shown to significantly enhance teacher performance. These findings collectively suggest that improving job satisfaction through targeted organizational and professional supports can positively influence teacher performance in public secondary schools in Benue State.

Conclusion

This study concludes that staff welfare, staff promotion, and staff training significantly influence teachers' job performance. These findings collectively suggest that improving job satisfaction through targeted organizational and professional support can positively impact teacher performance in public secondary schools in Benue State."

Recommendations

Based on the findings of this study on the influence of job satisfaction on teachers' job performance in public secondary schools in Benue State, the following recommendations are made:

1. **Improve Staff Welfare:** The government and school administrators should prioritize staff welfare by ensuring timely payment of salaries, provision of housing allowances, health benefits, and other incentives to enhance job satisfaction and performance among teachers. Special consideration should be given to teachers posted to remote or hard-to-reach schools through the provision of incentives, transportation allowances, and better infrastructure to minimize the negative impact of school location on performance.
2. **Ensure Fair and Timely Promotion:** Staff promotion should be based on merit, dedication, and experience. A transparent and consistent promotion policy will motivate teachers to put in their best, knowing that their efforts will be recognized and rewarded.
3. **Enhance Staff Training and Professional Development** Regular in-service training, workshops, and seminars should be organized for teachers to update their knowledge and skills. Professional development should be a continuous process to ensure teachers remain effective and motivated.

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