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PQ_Introduction_en-ZA

About TALIS 2024

The fourth Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS 2024) is an international survey that offers the opportunity for teachers and principals to provide input into education analysis and policy development. TALIS is being conducted by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). The Republic of South Africa, along with more than 50 other countries, is taking part in the survey.

International comparisons from TALIS will allow participants to identify common challenges and to learn from other policy approaches. Principals and teachers will provide information about teaching and learning issues such as their education and professional learning, professional and pedagogical practices, occupational perceptions, and institutional environments and management as well as contemporary issues for education systems such as diversity and equity, social and emotional learning of learners, educational uses of technology, and environmental and sustainability education.

Being an international survey, it is possible that some questions do not fit very well within your national context. In these cases, please answer as best as you can.

Confidentiality

All information that is collected in this study will be treated confidentially. While results will be made available by country and, for example, by the type of school within a country, you are guaranteed that neither you, this school, nor any school personnel will be identified in any report of the results of the study. Participation in this survey is voluntary. However, it is encouraged that you take part in this survey so that your voice can be heard.

About the Questionnaire

- This questionnaire asks for information about school education and policy matters.
- The person who completes this questionnaire should be the principal of this school.
- If you do not have the information to answer particular questions, please consult other persons in this school.
- This questionnaire should take between 45 and 60 minutes on average to complete.
- When questions refer to 'this school' we mean by 'school': an education institution which enrolls learners in one or more grades from Grade RR to Grade 12.
- Guidelines for answering the questions are typed in italics.
- Most questions can be answered by selecting the one most appropriate answer.
- When you have completed this questionnaire, please return it to your TALIS school coordinator on or before 14 February 2023.
- When in doubt about any aspect of the questionnaire, or if you would like more information about the questionnaire or the study, you can reach us by using the following contact details: Mr P Prinsloo, 012 357 3820 or Prinsloo.P@dbe.gov.za.

Thank you very much for your participation!

PQ_Headline_Personal_Background_en-ZA

Personal Background Information

These questions are about you, your education and your position as school principal. In responding to the questions, please select the appropriate choice(s) or provide figures where necessary.

PQ_01_en-ZA

What is your gender?

Please select one choice.

☐ Female

☐ Male

☐ Non-binary

PQ_02_en-ZA

How old are you?

Please write a number.

 Years

PQ_03_en-ZA

What is the highest level of formal education you have completed?

Please select one choice.

☐ Below National Senior Certificate/Matric

☐ National Senior Certificate/Matric

☐ National Higher Certificate

☐ National Diploma (3 years)

☐ Degree

☐ Honours and/or Masters

☐ Doctorate

PQ_04_en-ZA

How many years of work experience do you have, regardless of whether you worked full time or part time?

Do not include any extended periods of leave such as parental leave.

Work experience may fall into multiple categories.

Please write a number in each row. Write 0 (zero) if none.

Please round up to whole years.

a) Year(s) working as a principal at this school

b) Year(s) working as a principal in total

c) Year(s) working in other school management roles (do not include years working as a principal)

d) Year(s) working as a teacher in total (include any years of teaching)

e) Year(s) working in any other jobs

PQ_05_en-ZA

Do you currently have a teaching obligation as part of your work as a principal at this school?

Please select once choice.

☐ Yes, more than 50% of my working hours

☐ Yes, up to 50% of my working hours

☐ No

PQ_06_en-ZA

What is your current employment status as a principal at this school?

Please select once choice.

☐ Full time (more than 90% of full-time hours)

- ☐ Part time (71-90% of full-time hours)
- ☐ Part time (50-70% of full-time hours)
- ☐ Part time (less than 50% of full-time hours)

PQ_07_en-ZA

Did the formal education training you completed include the following and, if yes, was this before or after you took up a position as principal?

Please select one choice in each row.

	Before	After	Before and after	Never
a) School administration or principal training programme or course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Teacher training/education programme or course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Instructional leadership training or course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PQ_08_en-ZA

During the last 12 months, did you participate in any of the following professional learning activities aimed at you as a principal?

Professional learning is defined as activities that aim to develop an individual's professional skills, knowledge and expertise.

Please select one choice in each row.

Yes, in person

Yes, virtual or
online

Yes, in person and
virtual/ online

No

a) Courses/seminars/workshops about subject matter, teaching methods or pedagogical topics

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b) Courses/seminars/workshops about leadership

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c) Education conferences where teachers, principals and/or researchers present their research or discuss educational issues

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d) Formal qualification programme (e.g. a degree programme)

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e) Peer and/or self-observation and coaching as part of a formal arrangement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Formal or informal principal networks for the purpose of professional learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Self-initiated learning activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Courses/seminars/workshops on developing a strategy for the use of digital resources and tools for teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PQ_09_en-ZA

During the last 12 months, did you participate in any of the following professional learning activities aimed at you as a principal?

'Environmental sustainability' means meeting the essential needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It involves the conservation of natural resources and the protection of Earth's

ecological system. Climate change is one of the main threats to environmental sustainability.

Please select one choice in each row.

	Yes	No
a) Knowledge and understanding of environmental sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Ways to improve this school's environmental sustainability practices or ecological footprint (e.g. energy and water saving, reducing consumption, recycling)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Ways to support teachers to teach about environmental sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PQ_10_en-ZA

For each of the areas listed below, please indicate the extent to which you currently need professional learning activities.

Please select one choice in each row.

No need at present

Low level of need

Moderate level of
need

High level of need

a) Knowledge and understanding of new developments in leadership research and theory

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b) Knowledge and understanding of current national/local policies on education

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c) Using data for improving the quality of the school

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d) Designing the school curriculum

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e) Designing professional learning for/with teachers

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f) Observing classroom instruction

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g) Providing effective feedback

☐☐☐☐

h) Promoting equity and diversity

☐☐☐☐

i) Developing collaboration among teachers

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j) School management (e.g. human resource management, financial management)

☐☐☐☐

k) Developing a strategy for the use of digital resources and tools for teaching

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l) Knowledge and understanding of environmental sustainability

☐☐☐☐

m) Promoting staff well-being

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PQ_Hheadline_School_Background_en-ZA

School Background Information

PQ_12_en-ZA

Which best describes this school's location?

Please select one choice.

- ☐ A farm or rural area (up to 3 000 people)
 - ☐ A village (3 001 to 15 000 people)
 - ☐ A small town/township (15 001 to 100 000 people)
 - ☐ A township (100 001 to 1 000 000 people)
 - ☐ Large city (more than 1 000 000 people)
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PQ_13_en-ZA

About what percentage of this school's total funding for a typical school year comes from the following sources?

Please write a number in each row.

Write 0 (zero) if none.

a) Government (including national and provincial)

 %

b) Learner fees or school charges paid by parents or guardians

%

c) Other (e.g. donations, grants, fundraising)

 %

PQ_14_en-ZA

Is this school publicly or privately managed?

Please select once choice.

☐ Publicly managed
This is a school managed by a public education authority or governing board appointed by government or elected by public franchise.

☐ Privately managed
This is a school managed by a non-government organisation; e.g. a church, business or other private institution.

PQ_15_en-ZA

For each type of position listed below, please indicate the number of staff (head count) currently working in this school.

Staff may fall into multiple categories. Include temporary staff and staff employed through a SGB post.

Please write a number in each row. Write 0 (zero) if none.

a) Teachers, irrespective of the grades/ages they teach

Those whose main professional activity at this school is the provision of instruction to learners

b) Personnel for pedagogical support, irrespective of the grades/ages they support

Including all teacher aides or other non-teaching professionals who provide instruction or support teachers in providing instruction, professional curriculum/instructional specialists, educational media specialists, psychologists, therapists [and nurses]

c) School administrative personnel

Including receptionists, secretaries, accountants and administration assistants

d) School management personnel

Including principals, assistant principals, and other management staff whose main activity is management

e) Other staff (e.g. cafeteria, cleaning, technicians or guards)

PQ_16_en-ZA

Please indicate the number of staff (head count) in this school for each of the categories below.

Include part-time staff and staff that began work during the year.

Count any staff member for any reason, including retirement, parental leave, and temporary teaching.

Please write a number in each row. Write 0 (zero) if none.

a) Teachers who began work at this school during the last 12 months

b) Teachers who permanently left this school during the last 12 months

c) Teachers absent or unavailable for teaching for the most recent Tuesday that school was in session

PQ_17_en-ZA

Are the following grades and/or programmes taught in this school?

Please select one choice in each row.

Yes

No

a) Grade RR to R

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b) Grade 1 to 7

☐☐

c) Grade 8 and 9 general education programmes

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d) Grade 8 and 9 vocational or technical education programmes

☐☐

e) Grade 10 to 12 general education programmes

☐☐

f) Grade 10 to 12 vocational or technical education programmes

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PQ_18_en-ZA

What is the current school enrolment, i.e. the number of learners for all grades in this school?

Please write a number.

Learners

PQ_19_en-ZA

How often are the following factors considered when learners are admitted to this school?

Please select one choice in each row.

Never

Sometimes

Most of the time

Always

a) Residence in a particular area

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b) Learners' record of academic performance (including placement tests)

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c) Recommendation of feeder schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Parents' endorsement of the instructional or religious philosophy of the school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Whether the learner requires or is interested in a special programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Preference given to family members of current or former learners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Emergency situations (e.g. conflicts, natural disasters, health-related crises)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PQ_20_en-ZA

What is this school's policy for organising instruction for learners with different abilities?

Please select one choice in each row.

Not for any subjects	For some subjects	For all subjects
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a) Learners are grouped by ability into different classrooms.

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b) Learners are grouped by ability within their classrooms.

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PQ_21_en-ZA

Please estimate the broad percentage of Grade 8 and 9 learners in this school who have the following characteristics.

Learners may fall into multiple categories.

'Learners with special education needs' are those for whom a special education need has been formally identified because they are mentally, physically or emotionally disadvantaged. Often they will be those for whom additional public or private resources (personnel, material or financial) have been provided to support their education.

'Socio-economically disadvantaged homes' refers to homes lacking the basic necessities of life, such as adequate housing, nutrition or medical care.

'Ethnic groups, national minorities or Indigenous communities' refer to groups that are a result of historical dynamics and/or shared characteristics that correspond to geographical location and ancestral origins, cultural traditions, religious beliefs, social norms, shared heritage and language, and/or immigrant status and nationality of origin.

An 'immigrant learner' is one who was born outside the country. A 'learner with migrant background' has parents who were both born outside the country.

'Refugees' are those who, regardless of legal status, fled to another country seeking refuge from war, political oppression, religious persecution, or a natural disaster.

Please select one choice in each row.

[illegible]

g) Learners who are immigrants or with migrant background (not including refugees)

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h) Learners who are refugees

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PQ_Headline_School_Leadership_en-ZA

School Leadership

PQ_22_en-ZA

Does this school have a school management team?

'School management team' refers to a group within the school that has responsibilities for leading and managing the school in decisions such as those involving instruction, use of resources, curriculum, assessment and evaluation, and other strategic decisions related to the appropriate functioning of the school.

Please select one choice.

☐ Yes

☐ No

PQ_23_en-ZA

Are the following currently represented on the school management team?

Please select one choice in each row.

	Yes	No	Not applicable
a) Principal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Deputy principal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Financial manager (e.g. accountant, treasurer)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Departmental heads (HODs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

e) Teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) School governing body	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Parents or guardians	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Learners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PQ_24_en-ZA

Regarding this school, who has a significant responsibility for the following tasks?

A 'significant responsibility' is one where an active role is played in decision making.

Please select as many choices as appropriate in each row.

Principal	Other members of the school management team	Teachers (not as a part of the school management team)	School governing body	District, provincial, national authority
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a) Appointing or hiring teachers

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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b) Dismissing or suspending teachers from employment

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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c) Establishing teachers' starting salaries, including setting pay scales

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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d) Determining teachers' salary increases

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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e) Deciding on budget allocations within the school

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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f) Establishing learner disciplinary policies and procedures

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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g) Establishing learner assessment policies, including national, provincial or district assessments

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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h) Approving learners for admission to the school

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Choosing which learning materials (LTSM) are used				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) Determining course content, including national/provincial curricula				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) Deciding which subjects are offered				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PQ_25_en-ZA

Regarding this school, who has a significant responsibility for the following areas?

A 'significant responsibility' is one where an active role is played in decision making.

Please select as many choices as appropriate in each row.

Principal	Other members of the school management team	Teachers (not as a part of the school management team)	School governing body	District, province, national authority
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a) Deciding on the use of digital resources and tools for teaching

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b) Improving this school's environmental sustainability practices or ecological footprint (e.g. energy and water saving, reducing consumption, recycling)

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c) Determining policies on learner diversity

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d) Determining policies on teacher diversity

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e) Facilitating teachers' professional learning activities to support learners' social and emotional development

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f) Defining school improvement priorities

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PQ_26_en-ZA

On average throughout the school year, how often do you spend your time as a principal on the following tasks in this school?

Please select one choice in each row.

Never or
almost
never

A few
times a
year

Less
than
monthly

Monthly

Weekly

Daily

Multiple
times a
day

- a) Leadership tasks and meetings

Including strategic planning, leadership and management activities such as developing school improvement plans, and human resource and personnel issues such as hiring staff

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- b) Curriculum and teaching-related tasks and meetings

Including developing curriculum, teaching, classroom observations, learner evaluation, mentoring teachers, teacher professional learning

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- c) Teacher and staff interactions

Including advice-giving, feedback and evaluation, non-teaching school activities

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- #### d) Learner interactions

Including counselling and conversations outside structured learning activities, discipline

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- e) Parent or guardian interactions

Including formal and informal interactions

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f) Interactions with community leaders, business and/or Unions

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g) Emergency tasks

Including attending to school infrastructure damage, community or national crisis

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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h) Administrative tasks and meetings

Including regulations, reports, school budget, preparing timetables and class composition, responding to requests from district, provincial or national education officials

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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i) Other

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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PQ_27_en-ZA

Please indicate how frequently you engaged in the following activities in this school during the last 12 months.

Please select one choice in each row.

Never or rarely

Sometimes

Often

Very often

a) I collaborated with teachers to solve classroom discipline problems.

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b) I observed instruction in the classroom.

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c) I provided feedback to teachers based on my observations.

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d) I took actions to support cooperation among teachers to develop new teaching practices.

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e) I took actions to ensure that teachers take responsibility for improving their teaching skills.

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f) I took actions to ensure that teachers feel responsible for their learners' learning outcomes.

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g) I provided parents or guardians with information on the school and learner performance.

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h) I reviewed school administrative procedures and reports.

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i) I resolved problems with the lesson timetable in this school.

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j) I collaborated with principals from other schools on challenging work tasks.

☐☐☐☐

k) I worked on a professional learning plan for this school.

☐☐☐☐

PQ_28_en-ZA

Please indicate how frequently you took actions related to the following areas in this school during the last 12 months.

Please select one choice in each row.

Never or rarely

Sometimes

Often

Very often

a) Supporting the integration of digital resources and tools for teaching

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b) Supporting learner diversity

☐☐☐☐

c) Supporting teacher diversity

☐☐☐☐

d) Improving learners' social and emotional development in this school

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e) Improving this school's environmental sustainability practices or ecological footprint (e.g. energy and water saving, reducing consumption, recycling)

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f) Supporting teachers interested in teaching about climate change

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PQ_30_en-ZA

How strongly do you agree or disagree with these statements about teachers at this school?

Please select one choice in each row.

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

a) Teachers take leadership roles in promoting a professional learning community.

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b) Teachers initiate and lead collaborative activities.

☐☐☐☐

c) Teachers lead their professional growth and development activities whenever possible.

☐☐☐☐

d) Teachers participate in non-teaching school events and projects.

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PQ_Headline_Induction_en-ZA

Induction, Mentoring and Formal Appraisal

PQ_32_en-ZA

Which teachers have access to the following induction activities at this school?

'Induction activities' are designed to support new teachers' introduction into the teaching profession and to support experienced teachers who are new to a school.

They are either organised as 'formal induction programmes' such as regular supervision by the principal, reduced teaching load, formal mentoring arrangements with experienced teachers, etc. or as 'informal induction activities', which are unstructured or unplanned activities comprising general introductions to the school and the work, informal peer work with other new teachers, a welcome handbook etc.

'Teachers new to teaching' refers to those who have less than one year paid employment as teachers.

Please select one choice in each row.

All teachers new to this school	Only teachers new to teaching	None
a) <u>Formal</u> induction programme		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <u>Informal</u> induction activities		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PQ_33_en-ZA

Which of the following provisions are included in teacher induction at this school?

Please select one choice in each row.

Yes

No

a) Courses/seminars/workshops attended in person

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b) Online courses/seminars/workshops

☐☐

c) Online activities (e.g. virtual communities)

☐☐

d) Planned meetings with principal and/or experienced teachers

☐☐

e) Supervision by principal and/or experienced teachers

☐☐

f) Networking/collaboration with other teachers

☐☐

g) Team teaching with experienced teachers

☐☐

h) Portfolios/diaries/journals

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Reduced teaching load	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) General/administrative introduction	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PQ_34_en-ZA

Do teachers at this school have access to a mentoring programme?

'Mentoring' is defined as a support structure in schools where more experienced teachers support less experienced teachers. This structure might involve all teachers in the school or only new teachers.

Please select once choice.

- ☐ Yes, but only teachers who are new to teaching, i.e. have less than one year paid employment as a teacher, have access.
- ☐ Yes, all teachers who are new to this school have access.
- ☐ Yes, all teachers at this school have access.
- ☐ No, at present there is no access to a mentoring programme for teachers in this school.

PQ_35_en-ZA

Is the mentor's main subject specialisation the same as that of the teacher being mentored?

Please select one choice.

- ☐ Yes, most of the time
- ☐ Yes, sometimes
- ☐ No, rarely or never

PQ_37_en-ZA

On average, how often is each individual teacher formally appraised in this school by the following people?

'Formal appraisal' is defined as when a teacher's work is formally reviewed by the principal, an external inspector or by his or her colleagues (e.g. as part of a formal performance management system, involving set procedures and criteria), in contrast to a more informal approach (e.g. through informal discussions).

If none of the response choices reflect this school's situation, please choose the one that is closest to it.

Please select one choice in each row.

	Never	Less than once per year	Once per year	Twice or more per year
a) Principal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Other members of the school management team	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Assigned mentors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Teachers (who are not part of the school management team)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) External individuals or bodies (e.g. district officials/NGOs or other persons from outside the school)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PQ_38_en-ZA

Who uses the following types of information as part of the formal appraisal of teachers' work in this school?

Please select as many choices as appropriate in each row.

External individuals or bodies	Principal	Member(s) of the school management team	Assigned mentors	Other teachers (not a part of the school management team)	Not used in this school
a) Observations of classroom teaching					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Learner survey responses related to teaching					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Assessments of teachers' content knowledge					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Learners' external results (e.g. national test scores)					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) School based and classroom based results (e.g. SBA results or portfolios, project results, test scores)					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Self-assessments of teachers' work (e.g. presentation of a portfolio assessment, analysis of teaching using video)					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate the frequency that each of the following occurs in this school following a formal teacher appraisal.

Please select one choice in each row.

Never

Sometimes

Most of the time

Always

- a) Measures to remedy any weaknesses in teaching are discussed with the teacher.

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- b) A development/training plan is developed.

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- c) Material sanctions such as reduced annual increases in pay are imposed.

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- d) A mentor is appointed to help the teacher improve his/her teaching.

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- e) A change in a teacher's work responsibilities (e.g. increase or decrease in his/her teaching load, administrative/managerial responsibilities or mentor responsibilities)

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- f) An increase in a teacher's salary or a payment of a financial bonus

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g) A change in the likelihood of a teacher's career advancement

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h) Dismissal or non-renewal of contract.

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PQ_Headline_School_Climate_en-ZA

School Climate

PQ_40_en-ZA

How strongly do you agree or disagree with these statements as applied to this school?

Please select one choice in each row.

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

a) This school provides staff with opportunities to actively participate in school decisions.

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b) This school provides parents or guardians with opportunities to actively participate in school decisions.

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c) This school provides learners with opportunities to actively participate in school decisions.

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d) I make the important decisions on my own.

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e) There is a collaborative school culture which is characterised by mutual support.

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f) The school staff share a common set of beliefs about teaching and learning.

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g) This school encourages staff to lead new initiatives.

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h) Teachers can rely on each other.

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PQ_41_en-ZA

To what extent do the following statements apply to this school?

Please select one choice in each row.

Not at all

To some extent

Quite a bit

A lot

a) Teachers understand the curricular goals.

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b) Teachers succeed in implementing the curriculum.

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c) Teachers hold high expectations for learner achievement.

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d) Parents or guardians support learner achievement.

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e) Parents or guardians are involved in school activities.

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f) Learners have a desire to do well in school.

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g) Learners harass their peers who excel in school.

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h) The school cooperates with the local community.

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PQ_42_en-ZA

To what extent is this school's capacity to provide quality instruction currently hindered by each of the following issues?

Please select one choice in each row.

Not at all

To some extent

Quite a bit

A lot

a) Shortage of qualified teachers

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b) Shortage of teachers with competence in teaching learners with special education needs

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c) Shortage of vocational teachers

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d) Shortage or inadequacy of instructional materials (e.g. textbooks)

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e) Shortage or inadequacy of digital resources and tools for instruction

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f) Insufficient Internet access

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g) Shortage or inadequacy of library materials

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h) Shortage of support personnel

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i) Shortage or inadequacy of instructional space (e.g. classrooms)

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j) Shortage or inadequacy of physical infrastructure (e.g. classroom furniture, school buildings, heating/cooling, and lighting)

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k) Shortage of teachers with competence in teaching learners in a multicultural or multilingual setting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l) Shortage of teachers with competence in teaching learners from socio-economically disadvantaged homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m) Shortage or inadequacy of necessary materials to train vocational skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n) Shortage or inadequacy of time for instructional leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o) Insufficient utilities (e.g. drinking water, electricity, and sewage/sanitation)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PQ_43 (Version A)_en-ZA

In this school, how often do the following occur amongst learners?

Please select one choice in each row.

Never

Less than
monthly

Monthly

Weekly

Daily

a) Vandalism and theft

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b) Intimidation or bullying among learners (or other forms of verbal abuse) on school grounds

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c) Online intimidation or bullying among learners (or other forms of verbal abuse)

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d) Physical injury caused by violence among learners

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e) Intimidation or verbal abuse of teachers or staff on school grounds

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f) Online intimidation or verbal abuse of teachers or staff

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g) Use/possession of drugs and/or alcohol

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Schooling in Diverse Environments

The following section includes questions about school policies and practices concerned with diversity. 'Diversity' refers to the recognition of and appreciation for differences in the ethnic, cultural or socio-economic backgrounds, gender identities and learning needs of learners and staff.

PQ_45_en-ZA

Does this school include learners from different cultural or ethnic backgrounds?

Please select once choice.

☐ Yes

☐ No

PQ_46_en-ZA

In this school, are the following policies and practices in relation to diversity implemented?

Please select one choice in each row.

Yes

No

- a) Supporting activities or organisations that encourage learners' expression of diverse ethnic and cultural identities (e.g. artistic groups)

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- b) Organising multicultural events (e.g. cultural diversity day)

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- c) Teaching learners how to deal with ethnic and cultural discrimination

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- d) Adopting teaching and learning practices that integrate global issues throughout the curriculum

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- e) Including books and pictures featuring people from a variety of ethnic and cultural groups

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- f) Employing teachers that are representative of the diverse backgrounds of learners and/or their families

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- g) Providing additional support for learners with special education needs

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h) Teaching learners to be inclusive of different socio-economic backgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Explicit policies against gender discrimination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) Explicit policies against socio-economic discrimination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) Providing additional support for learners from disadvantaged backgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l) Promoting a safe school climate for learners of diverse sexual orientation and gender identity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PQ_47_en-ZA

In your view, approximately how many teachers in this school would agree with the following statements?

Please select one choice in each row.

None or almost
none

Some

Many

All or almost all

- a) It is important to be responsive to differences in learners' cultural backgrounds.

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- b) It is important for learners to learn that people from other cultures can have different values.

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- c) Respecting other cultures is something that children and young people should learn as early as possible.

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- d) Children and young people should learn that people of different cultures have a lot in common.

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- e) Schools should encourage learners from different socio-economic backgrounds to work together.

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- f) Learners should learn to oppose gender discrimination.

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- g) It is important to treat all learners equally regardless of their gender.

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h) It is important to treat learners from all socio-economic backgrounds in the same manner.

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i) A classroom with a high proportion of learners with special education needs enriches learning experiences.

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j) Learners should feel comfortable to express their diverse sexual orientations and gender identities at school.

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PQ_Headline_Edu_Sustain_en-ZA

Education and Environmental Sustainability

The following section includes questions about school policies and practices concerned with environmental sustainability, with an emphasis on climate change.

'Environmental Sustainability' means meeting the essential needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It involves the conservation of natural resources and the protection of Earth's ecological systems. Climate change is one of the main threats to environmental sustainability.

'Climate change' encompasses global warming but also refers to a broader range of changes, including rising sea levels, shrinking glaciers, accelerated melting of

polar ice, and shifts in flower/plant blooming times as well as its impacts on the environment, the economy, and society.

PQ_48_en-ZA

Thinking about your role as a principal in supporting education about environmental sustainability, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Please select one choice in each row.

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

- a) It is important for me as a principal to address environmental sustainability with the curriculum.

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- b) I have the resources I need to develop a school strategy on including environmental sustainability in the curriculum.

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- c) I am confident supporting teachers so that they can teach about environmental sustainability.

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d) It is just too difficult for someone like me to do much about sustainability.

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e) I worry about parent or guardian complaints with respect to teaching about climate change.

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f) I attend to learners' concern about the future of our environment.

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g) I encourage teachers to empower learners to take action on climate change.

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h) I encourage teachers to teach about climate change across different subjects.

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PQ_51_en-ZA

In your view, to what extent are the following barriers for teaching about climate change in this school?

Please select one choice in each row.

Not at all

To some extent

Quite a bit

A lot

a) Teachers think it is not related to the subject(s) they teach.

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b) Teachers think learners are too young.

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c) Teachers don't know enough about it.

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d) Teachers don't have the materials needed to teach the subject.

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e) Teachers don't believe in it.

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f) Our school does not allow it.

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g) Teachers think learners have already learned about it in school.

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h) The curriculum is not flexible enough.

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i) The curriculum does not mandate it be taught.

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j) Assessments do not include it.

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PQ_52_en-ZA

How concerned are you personally about climate change?

Please select once choice.

☐

Not at all

☐

To some extent

☐

Quite a bit

☐

A lot

PQ_53_en-ZA

There has been a lot of discussion about the world's climate and the idea that it has been changing in recent decades. Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion?

Please select once choice.

- ☐ The world's climate has not been changing.
 - ☐ The world's climate has been changing mostly due to natural processes.
 - ☐ The world's climate has been changing about equally due to natural processes and human activity.
 - ☐ The world's climate has been changing mostly due to human activity.
 - ☐ I don't know.
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PQ_Headline_Occupational_Perc_en-ZA

Occupational Perceptions

PQ_54_en-ZA

For how many more years do you want to continue to work as a principal?

Please write a number.

Years

PQ_55_en-ZA

Thinking about your job at this school, to what extent are the following sources of stress in your work?

Please select one choice in each row.

Not at all

To some extent

Quite a bit

A lot

a) Having too much teacher appraisal and feedback work to do

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b) Having too much administrative work to do (e.g. filling out forms)

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c) Having extra duties due to absent school staff

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d) Being held responsible for learners' achievement

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e) Maintaining school discipline

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f) Being intimidated or verbally abused by learners

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g) Keeping up with changing requirements from district, provincial or national authorities

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h) Addressing parent or guardian concerns

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i) Accommodating learners with special education needs

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j) Being held responsible for learners' social and emotional well-being

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k) Having to adapt this school's practices due to unexpected disruptions (e.g. natural disasters, public health emergencies/pandemics, humanitarian crises)

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We would like to know how you generally feel about your job. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Please select one choice in each row.

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

a) The advantages of this profession clearly outweigh the disadvantages.

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b) If I could decide again, I would still choose this position.

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c) I would like to change to another school if that were possible.

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d) I regret that I decided to become a principal.

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e) I enjoy working at this school.

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f) I wonder whether it would have been better to choose another profession.

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g) I would recommend this school as a good place to work.

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h) I think that the teaching profession is valued in society.

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i) I am satisfied with my performance in this school.

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j) All in all, I am satisfied with my job.

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PQ_57_en-ZA

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Please select one choice in each row.

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

a) I am satisfied with the salary I receive from my work.

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b) Apart from my salary, I am satisfied with the terms of my principal employment (e.g. benefits, work schedule).

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c) I am satisfied with the support that I receive from the staff in this school.

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d) I need more support from the circuit, district and provincial authorities.

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e) I cannot influence decisions that are important for my work.

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PQ_Headline_End_en-ZA

This is the end of the questionnaire.

Thank you very much for your participation!

Inform your TALIS School Coordinator after you have completed the questionnaire. Please do so, on or before 31 July 2024.

PQ_21_a_en-ZA

During the past month, how did learners participate in lessons at this school?

Please select one choice in each row.

	In no lessons	In some lessons	In all lessons
a) All learners participated in person.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) All learners participated online.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Some learners participated in person while others participated online.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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PQ_53_a_en-ZA

In your experience as a principal at this school, to what extent do the following occur?

Please select one choice in each row.

Not at all

To some extent

Quite a bit

A lot

a) I experience stress in my work.

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b) My job leaves me time for my personal life.

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c) My job negatively impacts my mental health.

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d) My job negatively impacts my physical health.

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