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This research study with descriptive-evaluative-correlational designs was conducted to assess the physical plant and facilities of selected public and private secondary schools in the National Capital Region. The framework of this study was anchored from Abbott v. Burke (2000) model of reform which focused the attention of state policymakers on improving the schools in terms of their budget for the facilities.

The researcher gathered data through survey questionnaire, school visit and observation. One-on-one interview with the administrators and focused group discussion with other key informants were utilized to validate the data gathered. The data gathered were analyzed using Frequency Count

for the profile of the respondents according to type of school, years in operation and school population: Mean for the extent of compliance of public and private secondary schools with DepEd's standards on physical plant and facilities in terms of site, school building, equipment and furniture and textbooks and other instructional materials; management practices in terms of planning, budget allocation and maintenance; and the problems encountered in the management of school physical plant and facilities; Averaging for the academic performance of students; One-way ANOVA for comparison of data such as the difference between the type of school, student population, years in operation and the extent of compliance of public and private secondary schools with DepEd's standards on physical plant and facilities in terms of site, school building, equipment and furniture and textbooks and other instructional materials; and the extent of management practices in terms of planning, budget allocation and maintenance when the respondents are grouped according to type of school, student population and years in operation; and Pearson r for the relationship between the academic performance of students and the extent of compliance with DepEd's standards on physical plant and facilities; and the academic performance and extent of management practices with regard to their physical plant and facilities.

The study revealed and concluded that textbooks and other instructional materials as well as budget allocation for management practices needed great attention for improvement.

Academic performance was affected by the extent of compliance with DepEd's standards on physical plant and facilities in terms of site and textbooks and other instructional materials as well as the extent of management practices in terms of planning and budget allocation.

There is a need to have a facility management program in order to maintain the equipment and facilities even without the trained physical plant and facilities maintenance and operations staff.

The study recommends the Department of Education to give extra attention to the supply of textbooks and other instructional materials considering the critical evaluation of content.

DepEd should regularly organize training and workshop for prospective or assigned school physical plant coordinator across the country. School heads must allocate budget for this and allow the coordinator to attend to gain additional knowledge on the assigned responsibility.

School owners and administrators should make intervention to increase parents' participation not only in planning for school physical plant and facilities but to all school activities. Obtaining feedback through evaluation survey should also be done to know the deficiency needs.

The suggested strategies in the Facility Management Program could be modified according to the schools' set up and be included in the schools' line up of activities for the whole academic year to increase the level of awareness in maintaining the physical plant and facilities.

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