

## MAKING DECISIONS STRATEGICALLY: SURVIVING THE RACE

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School heads have their own motives, plans and strategies towards success. It is but a common feat for all the academic leaders to strive hard and consider every options they have, building bridges and ladders, exhausting every opportunity to succeed in their field. This in turn leading the school administrators to a grueling sleepless nights and emotional fatigue.

Managing and controlling the school resources, programs, and activities seamlessly and effectively is not an easy job and it can be affected by different factors. School leaders focuses not just on monitoring the implementation of the school curricula, he or she also manages the teaching and non teaching staff and their activities and development, deals with the concerns of the learners and their parents, the needs for school partnership, the financial management and others. Thus, to be able for school leaders to be effective he or she should have a functional long term view using the emerging insights from the organization, and be a strategic decision-maker.

Michel (2005) mentioned in his article that strategic thinker have a meaningful part to play, but strategy should be a team effort and it should be done in collaboration with other others with diverse views and experiences. This means that strategic decisions should not be based on the singular thinking ability of the leader but of the whole community.

Strategic decision-making is the process of determining the best way to accomplish goals and objectives. These are long-term goals and objectives, and strategic decision-making aids in describing an oraganization's main objectives in order to achieve shorter-

term goals with a broad mission (Ntara, 2021), and it is vital in the advancement and success of every organization especially, with that of the school.

Considering the thoughts of Michel and Ntara, one might understand that in our quest to lead and makes decisions strategically, and survive the race ahead of us, we must be a strategic thinker and make plans, while taking into considerations the advice and guidance of the whole. Strong and effective plans are founded in the diversity of insights, multiplicity of experiences, and collective agreement. And thus, seeking advice and counsel from others makes us a better strategic decision-maker.

However, above all, as leaders, we must not forget to consult and be guided by the supreme being who is all-knowing and all-powerfull.

“To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the Lord comes the reply of the tongue. All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the Lord. Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed” (Proverbs 16:1-3).

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