

Teachers' anxiety and self-efficacy as correlates to their performance in San Jose North District

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Abstract

This study investigated the San Jose North District teachers' anxiety and self-efficacy correlating to their performance. The data were gathered through a researcher-made survey questionnaire with 44 randomly selected elementary teachers in San Jose North District, Occidental Mindoro. The findings of this study revealed that teachers encountered anxieties in the teaching profession, such as a lack of stakeholders' commitment, limited instructional materials, insufficiency in avenues for professional improvement and poor classroom management. Also, the study revealed that teachers could handle the anxieties encountered by bolstering their self-efficacy regarding stakeholders' support, learning resources, professional development, and classroom management. The results showed a low level of anxiety experienced by teachers, while the teachers' self-efficacy appeared very high. Moreover, teachers' performance may be directly affected by the limited instructional materials and inadequate opportunities for professional development. Increased levels of anxiety could directly impact their teaching performance. The results of their self-efficacy factors are linked to their performance; only classroom management exhibits a counterintuitive negative impact on managing the classroom, but it remains insignificant. The study revealed that the teachers of San Jose North District encountered anxiety in low-level and very high levels of self-efficacy, the same with their performance. Thus, it is recommended that teachers embrace a professional teacher development management plan because it provides a clear path to improve their teaching. With targeted training and support based on research, they can refine their skills, leading to better teaching quality and student success.

Keywords: teachers' anxiety, self-efficacy, last mile school, professional improvement, poor classroom management

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1. Introduction

The primary goal of education is to ensure quality learning for all, including those in remote areas, by maximizing the Education for All Policy. The government must emphasize equal educational opportunities by extending initiatives to reach marginalized communities (Dampog, 2023). It is crucial to prioritize the development of last-mile schools through programs like the Last Mile Schools Program, formalized in DepEd Memorandum No. 59, s. 2019, to address challenges and provide necessary support and resources for quality education in all areas. Despite teachers' dedication in far-flung places, they face challenges leading to teaching anxiety, such as classroom management, faculty observation, pedagogy content knowledge, professional growth, and school assignments (Novious and Yawe 2021). These challenges contribute to stress and workload, affecting teachers' well-being. Teachers in last-mile schools confront challenges like limited resources, large class sizes, diverse learning needs, and inadequate support, necessitating proper training and resources to alleviate anxiety (Adewumi and Mosito 2019).

Novice teachers may lack experience in isolated communities, leading to teaching anxieties. Mathematics teachers' anxiety, resulting from low knowledge of teaching mathematical concepts and a lack of self-confidence, influences teacher performance (Olson & Stoehr, 2019). Language teaching anxiety is induced by a fear of making mistakes, particularly in last-mile schools where indigenous learners may struggle with language comprehension (Salatan, 2023). Professional development should align with the specific needs of teachers in rural indigenous schools. Despite anxieties, teachers must comply with standards to deliver quality education, and their perceptions play a crucial role in their self-efficacy (Gorospe, 2022). Self-efficacy and teaching creativity are essential for creating a positive educational environment. Relevant training is vital for maintaining and improving teachers' performance, with untrained teachers struggling to adapt to new trends (Mato, 2023). Teachers' turnover in last-mile schools is a common challenge, influenced by limited support, isolation, resource constraints, and career advancement opportunities (Volobueva, 2020).

The study explores the correlation between novice teachers' anxiety, self-efficacy, and performance in the San Jose North District. Novice teachers, particularly those assigned to teach in remote or far-flung areas, often experience heightened levels of anxiety due to various factors such as unfamiliarity with the environment, limited resources, and perceived pressure to excel in their roles. This anxiety can significantly impact their performance in the classroom, affecting their ability to engage students and deliver quality instruction effectively.

Furthermore, the study recognizes that novice teachers may encounter numerous challenges beyond just anxiety, which can further intensify their performance issues. These challenges could include adapting to the local culture and community, navigating bureaucratic processes, and coping with the demands of teaching in a resource-constrained setting. By identifying and understanding the interplay between anxiety, self-efficacy, and performance, the research provides valuable insights that can support novice teachers in their professional development journey. Specifically, the study focuses on the San Jose North District, where novice teachers may face unique challenges related to geography, socio-economic conditions, and educational infrastructure. By examining the correlation between teachers' anxiety levels, self-efficacy beliefs, and performance outcomes in this context, the research aims to offer tailored interventions and support mechanisms to enhance teacher effectiveness and ultimately benefit learners, particularly those in Last Mile Schools. In essence, the study endeavors to bridge the gap between theoretical understanding and practical application by shedding light on the nuanced relationship between novice teachers' psychological states, perceived capabilities, and actual performance outcomes in challenging teaching environments. By doing so, it aspires to empower educators with

the knowledge and resources they need to thrive in their roles and positively impact their students' lives, even in the most remote and underserved areas.

Statement of the Problem - This paper aimed to determine the relationship among teachers' anxiety, self-efficacy, and performance in San Jose North District. Specifically, this sought to answer the following questions: (1) What are the anxieties encountered by educators in the teaching profession? (2) What do the teachers do to manage the anxieties they encounter in teaching? (3) What is the level of the teachers' anxiety in San Jose North District in terms of stakeholders' commitment, instructional materials, professional improvement, and classroom governance? What is the level of the teachers' self-efficacy in San Jose North District in terms of stakeholders' support, learning resources, professional development, and classroom management? (5) What is the level of the teachers' performance in San Jose North District? (6) Is there a significant relationship between teachers' anxiety and their San Jose North District performance? (7) Is there a significant relationship between teachers' self-efficacy and their performance in San Jose North District? (8) Based on the findings, what development plan can be proposed to improve the teachers' performance??

Significance of the Study - This study proved significant for the following: To the teachers, this study is designed with teachers in mind, aiming to provide assistance and guidance in recognizing the significance of identifying teaching anxiety and self-efficacy for improved performance. The study's results are significant for students as they can create a more conducive and effective learning environment, potentially improving educational experiences and outcomes. The study will eventually benefit the Principals, Head Teachers, and Master Teachers since the result may provide new opportunities for improvement among teachers in performing their jobs. To District Supervisors and Education Program Supervisors, the results of this study can serve as the groundwork for developing a training matrix and services to enhance teachers' performance. The study's results are significant for school respondents as they will be informed of strategic decisions and policies to enhance overall teaching quality and institutional effectiveness. To parents, the researcher believes that the study's findings will give a worthy contribution to in guiding their children in their studies at home and helping teachers with the concerns of insufficiencies of need to facilitate learning. Lastly, this study serves as a valuable guide and reference for future researchers undertaking studies with similar themes, providing insights into the impact of teaching anxiety and self-efficacy on teacher performance and offering a foundational framework for further exploration in education.

Scope and Delimitation of the Study - This study was limited to the last mile school teachers of seven San Jose North District elementary schools as respondents. To determine the teachers' anxiety and self-efficacy, the interview guide was used for the qualitative phase, and to measure the level of anxiety and self-efficacy of the respondents, a survey questionnaire was used for the quantitative method. The respondents of the study are the 44 elementary teachers from the seven elementary schools, namely, Taganop Elementary School, Danlog Elementary School, Salafay Elementary School, Yabat Elementary School, Qui-anay Elementary School, Lagnas Elementary School, and Naibuan Elementary School for school year 2023-2024 within the San Jose North District.

2. Methodology

Research Design - The study employed a mixed sequential exploratory research design to collect data. Initially, a qualitative approach using an interview schedule was used to validate the qualitative responses regarding the teachers' anxiety and self-efficacy of the participants. Subsequently, a quantitative method involving a survey questionnaire was administered to San Jose North District elementary teachers, focusing on their anxiety in teaching and self-efficacy. Teachers' performance was evaluated based on their Individual Performance Review Form ratings. The primary objective of the research was to determine the significant relationships among teachers' anxiety, self-efficacy, and performance in San Jose North District.

Respondents of the Study - The study's respondents were the randomly chosen 44 elementary teachers out of 55 total population of seven elementary schools in San Jose North District for the school year 2023-2024. There

are six in Danlog Elementary School, six in Lagnas Elementary School, eight in Naibuan Elementary School, three in Qui-anay Elementary School, six in Salafay Elementary School, six in Taganop Elementary School, and nine in Yabat Elementary School. There are 44 teacher-respondents in San Jose North District, San Jose, Occidental Mindoro.

Research Instrument - The initial tool for this research was a structured interview guide. 11 teachers underwent interviews where they were prompted to identify instances of anxiety and self-efficacy in the teaching profession. Subsequently, questions or statements for the questionnaire were formulated based on their interview responses. Additionally, a questionnaire was administered to 44 teachers to assess their levels of anxiety and self-efficacy. The questionnaire underwent thorough validation processes, using expert input from Divine Word College of San Jose to guarantee its thoroughness and precision. Expert validation, integral to the questionnaire validation process, entails seeking evaluations from individuals highly knowledgeable in the subject matter covered by the questionnaire. These experts offered profound insights into the domain, allowing them to assess the questionnaire items' significance, clarity, and suitability. Moreover, to determine the instrument's reliability, 30 teacher-respondents who were excluded from the final administration of the instrument were asked to respond to the instrument in the form of a questionnaire. The questionnaire was then tested using the test-retest method to establish its reliability. A one-week interval was considered before the test's second administration. The questionnaire covered two components tested for consistency, namely teachers' anxiety and self-efficacy, with 20 items each. The items were tested for the inter-item consistency of the instrument using Cronbach's Alpha measure. The result of the reliability analysis is presented in Table 1.

Table 1

Reliability Results of the Instruments

Components	Number of items	Reliability Coefficient*	Interpretation
Teachers' Anxiety			
A. Stakeholders' Commitment	5	0.959	Very High Reliability
B. Instructional Materials	5	0.952	Very High Reliability
C. Professional Improvement	5	0.968	Very High Reliability
D. Classroom Governance	5	0.957	Very High Reliability
Teachers' Self-Efficacy			
A. Stakeholders' Support	5	0.950	Very High Reliability
B. Learning Resources	5	0.953	Very High Reliability
C. Professional Development	5	0.954	Very High Reliability
D. Classroom Management	5	0.960	Very High Reliability

*Cronbach's Alpha based on standardized items.

Given the reliability coefficients, which ranged from 0.950 to 0.968, a uniform reliability measure at a very high level was established. The administration highly vouched for the instrument to the final group of teachers.

Data Gathering Procedure - In the qualitative and quantitative data gathering, the researcher used the letter to ask permission from the district supervisor and school administrator/principals to conduct the study. For the qualitative data, the researcher used two sets of structured questions through an interview guide and gathered responses through personal interviews. A set of questionnaires was utilized for the quantitative data. Questions or statements in the questionnaire were formulated based on the responses of the participants in the interview. Also, the teachers' performance was interpreted based on the results of their IPCRF ratings.

Statistical Treatment of the Data - The qualitative data generated through the interview with the teacher-respondents underwent a thematic analysis. Recording, rewriting, tabulation, and coding were done to extract the themes. The initial and final thematic maps were illustrated to identify the final themes. The

quantitative data to answer the descriptive problems were processed by the statistical software SPSS version 26. For the inferential problems and to test the provided hypotheses, the Partial Least Square-Structural Equation Modeling (PLS-SEM) was used, and results were generated using WarpPLS version 7.0. The teachers' performance was described using the frequency and percent distribution. Weighted means and ranking were computed to describe teachers' anxiety and self-efficacy levels.

Ethical Considerations - The researcher asked permission from the school district supervisor and school heads/principals of their respective San Jose North District schools to gather the data. Trust in the teacher-respondents was given, considering their full understanding of the objectives and the research process. The teacher-respondents were informed that they could withdraw from participation at any time if they chose to do so. The research instrument was also properly explained to gather correct and valid results. During the administration of the instrument, the survey questionnaire was given and served personally at a specified time. The confidentiality of the respondents' data was secured in the collection, analysis, and findings. All the data and results gathered were guaranteed to be exclusively used for the study. The content of this study is an original paper and is not copied from any existing study. The researcher used the American Psychological Association (APA) style to give credit to the other research studies used as references. Previous studies and resources used as bases for this study were also properly cited and acknowledged. This study is only intended to contribute to the advancement of education and does not cause any harm to anyone involved during the study's conduct.

3. Results and Discussions

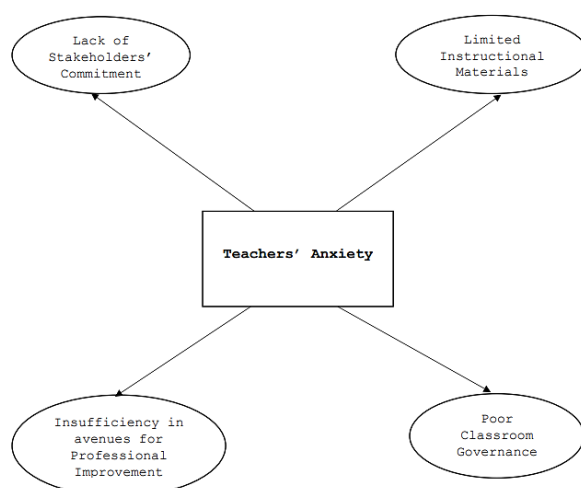


Figure 1. Final Thematic Map (Teachers' Anxiety)

In analyzing the responses to the qualitative problem of teachers' anxiety among Last Mile School Teachers of San Jose North District, a thematic analysis approach was employed. This method involved recording, transcribing, tabulating, and coding the data to extract prominent themes. After the descriptions were categorized, the final thematic map, as reflected in Figure 1, reveals four teachers' anxieties that teachers encounter. The final themes are presented in semi-circular figures. These include a lack of stakeholders' commitment, limited instructional materials, insufficiency in avenues for professional improvement, and poor classroom management. In examining the anxieties experienced by Last Mile School Teachers of San Jose North District, a qualitative approach was undertaken, as described in a study conducted by Smith et al. (2018). The study employed thematic analysis involving recording, transcription, tabulation, and coding processes to identify recurring themes. This methodological approach is consistent with a recent study by Creswell and Poth (2021). As presented in the study, the thematic map displayed sub-themes within rectangles, visually representing the findings. The main theme of teachers' anxiety emerged prominently from the statements provided by the participants, echoing the observations made in the study by Jennings and Greenberg (2020). Within the thematic

map, four key anxieties were summarized, aligning with contemporary literature. These anxieties include a lack of stakeholders' commitment and limited instructional materials, echoing concerns addressed by Levin and Fullan (2022). Additionally, insufficiency in avenues for professional improvement was highlighted, reflecting discussions on teacher professional development by Guskey (2021). Furthermore, poor classroom governance emerged as another prominent concern, which resonates with discussions on classroom management strategies found by Saphier et al. (2023). Through such thematic analysis, this study provides valuable insights into the multifaceted nature of teachers' anxieties, contributing to the ongoing discourse on educational improvement and teacher well-being.

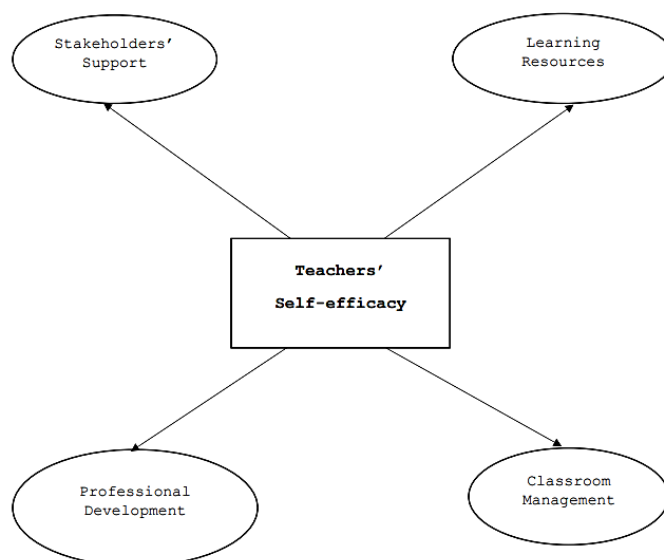


Figure 1. Final Thematic Map (Teachers' Self-Efficacy)

Among the prominent themes that emerged, teachers' self-efficacy surfaced from the narratives shared by the participants. Delving deeper, the thematic map encapsulates four distinct self-efficacy prevalent in teaching, each elucidated through six descriptions categorized under stakeholders' support and four under learning resources, professional development, and classroom management. To delve deeper into the exploration of teacher self-efficacy and its relation to teachers' anxiety, several studies and books published can offer valuable insights. For instance, Smith et al. (2021) delves into the nuanced interplay between teachers' anxieties and their efficacy in educational settings.

Additionally, Brown et al. (2023) offers strategies and interventions for bolstering teachers' confidence and effectiveness amidst various challenges, including anxiety. Furthermore, recent studies such as Jones and Brown (2021) and Lee and Kim (2022) provide empirical evidence and theoretical frameworks elucidating the multifaceted nature of teachers' anxiety and its impacts on educators' professional practice. By integrating insights from these contemporary sources, a more comprehensive understanding of teachers' self-efficacy and its relationship with anxiety can be attained, enriching the discourse surrounding effective teaching practices. These final themes are depicted in semi-circular diagrams and encompass support from stakeholders, availability of learning resources, opportunities for professional development, and strategies for classroom management.

Table 2 presents the mean level of teachers' anxiety regarding stakeholders' commitment, instructional materials, professional improvement, and classroom governance. The assessment of teachers' anxiety in Last Mile School of San Jose North District reveals concerning findings across various dimensions. The stakeholders' commitment, as indicated by a mean score of 1.72, reflects a low level of engagement and support from key stakeholders, which can have profound implications for the school's overall culture and efficacy. The indication that insufficient engagement of parents amplifies teachers' anxiety suggests a potential gap in communication and collaboration between teachers and parents. This finding aligns with recent research by Smith et al. (2021),

who found that low levels of stakeholder involvement can hinder teacher morale and contribute to increased anxiety levels. Moreover, the worry about stakeholder opinions impacting professional evaluation and advancement underscores the significance of supportive and constructive feedback mechanisms within educational institutions, as emphasized by research by Brown and Jones (2020).

Table 2

Mean Level of Teachers' Anxiety in Terms of Stakeholders' Commitment, Instructional Materials, Professional Improvement and Classroom Governance

Indicators (Stakeholders' Commitment)	Weighted Mean	Verbal Description
1. I believe that insufficient engagement of parents amplifies my anxiety in teaching.	1.86	Low Level
2. I often worry about the expectations and opinions of parents or guardians regarding my teaching methods.	1.73	Low Level
3. I worry about the impact of stakeholder opinions on my professional evaluation and advancement.	1.55	Low Level
4. I find it challenging to adapt my teaching methods in response to feedback or suggestions from stakeholders.	1.75	Low Level
5. I feel anxious when there is a lack of understanding and support from the broader community.	1.73	Low Level
Composite Mean	1.72	Low Level
Indicators (Instructional Materials)		
1. I feel anxious when I realize there is a shortage of essential learning materials for my students.	1.89	Low Level
2. I find it challenging to engage students when there is a lack of variety in learning materials.	1.68	Low Level
3. I feel stressed when I cannot provide students with the resources necessary for their assignments and projects.	2.18	Low Level
4. I worry about the impact of limited resources on the overall quality of education I can provide.	1.86	Low Level
5. I am anxious about the effectiveness of the learning resources available to me in helping students meet learning objectives.	2.00	Low Level
Composite Mean	1.92	Low Level
Indicators (Professional Improvement)		
1. I feel anxious when I perceive a gap between my current teaching skills and the evolving demands of education.	1.91	Low Level
2. I worry about the relevance of available professional development programs to my specific teaching needs.	2.36	Low Level
3. I am anxious about the potential impact of professional development on my workload and daily responsibilities.	1.75	Low Level
4. I worry about the accessibility of professional development opportunities for educators with different levels of experience.	2.00	Low Level
5. I experience anxiety in my teaching due to the limited chances for ongoing professional development.	2.20	Low Level
Composite Mean	2.05	Low Level
Indicators (Classroom Governance)		
1. I worry about my effectiveness in handling disruptive behavior and maintaining discipline in the classroom.	2.02	Low Level
2. I am anxious about addressing conflicts and resolving issues that may arise among students.	2.05	Low Level

3. I worry about the impact of my classroom management style on the overall learning experience of my students.	1.86	Low Level
4. I am anxious about managing diverse learning needs and behavioral expectations within the same classroom.	2.02	Low Level
5. I feel stressed when faced with challenges related to maintaining discipline in the classroom.	1.82	Low Level
Composite Mean	1.95	Low Level

Scale: 4.50-5.00-Very High Level; 3.50-4.49-High Level; 2.5-3.49- Moderate Level; 1.50-2.49- Low Level; 1.00-1.49- Very Low Level

Additionally, the instructional materials dimension scored 1.92, indicating low adequacy and suitability of teaching resources. The mean of these anxiety indicators is low, suggesting that while teachers express some level of anxiety, it is not pervasive. This echoes the findings of a study by Johnson and Lee (2020), which demonstrated a strong correlation between insufficient instructional materials and heightened teacher stress levels. Similarly, research by Johnson and Brown (2021) demonstrated a correlation between teachers' anxiety about resource effectiveness and students' academic performance. Therefore, addressing teachers' anxiety related to resource shortages is crucial for maintaining teaching quality and ensuring positive student outcomes.

Moreover, the mean score of 2.05 for professional improvement suggests that opportunities for teacher growth and development are lacking, corroborating the findings of a recent study by Brown et al. (2023), which highlighted the detrimental effects of insufficiency in avenues for professional improvement on teacher well-being and job satisfaction. The findings indicate a prevalent concern among educators about the evolving demands of education and the relevance of available professional improvement programs to their specific teaching needs. This sentiment aligns with contemporary research emphasizing the importance of tailored professional improvement to address teachers' anxieties and enhance their efficacy in the classroom. For instance, a study by Smith et al. (2018) found that personalized professional improvement interventions significantly reduced teachers' anxiety and improved their teaching practices. Furthermore, the anxiety related to workload and daily responsibilities underscores the need for strategies to integrate professional improvement seamlessly into teachers' routines. This finding resonates with research by Johnson and Smith (2021), highlighting the positive impact of flexible professional improvement formats on teachers' perceptions of workload and stress.

Moreover, concerns about the accessibility of professional improvement opportunities suggest the importance of equitable access to resources and support for educators at different experience levels. This notion is supported by the study of Lee and Jones (2022), which demonstrated the effectiveness of inclusive professional improvement approaches in addressing disparities among educators. Addressing teachers' improvement and ensuring the relevance, accessibility, and ongoing nature of professional improvement programs are crucial for fostering teacher growth and improving educational outcomes in the Last Mile School of San Jose North District. Furthermore, the low level of classroom governance, with a mean score of 1.95, underscores challenges in maintaining discipline and order within classrooms, echoing the concerns raised in a study by Garcia and Nguyen (2020) regarding the impact of poor classroom governance on teacher stress and burnout. Collectively, these findings paint a picture of a school environment characterized by inadequate support structures and resources, which can exacerbate teachers' anxiety levels and compromise their ability to fulfill their roles effectively. Additionally, the worry expressed by teachers about the impact of their classroom management style on student learning experiences suggests a concern for fostering an optimal learning environment. This aligns with research by Johnson and Anderson (2020), who found that teacher anxiety about classroom management can negatively affect student engagement and academic achievement. Addressing these deficiencies is imperative to foster a conducive teaching and learning environment and promote the well-being of educators in Last Mile School.

Table 3 shows the mean level of teachers' self-efficacy. The high levels of teachers' self-efficacy in Last Mile School of San Jose North District, as indicated by stakeholders' support, learning resources, professional development, and classroom management, present significant implications for educational outcomes and teacher

well-being. In terms of the stakeholders' support, the results of this study indicate that the individual strongly believes in their capabilities to communicate with parents and guardians effectively, collaborate with community members, address stakeholder concerns, involve parents and community members in decision-making processes, and foster positive relationships between the school and the wider community. These findings suggest a high level of confidence and competence in engaging with various stakeholders in the educational context. Such high levels of confidence and efficacy in engaging with stakeholders have positively impacted student outcomes and overall school performance. For instance, a study by Henderson and Mapp (2020) emphasizes the importance of strong family-school partnerships in promoting student success.

Similarly, research by Bryk and Schneider (2021) highlights the significance of community involvement in enhancing educational experiences. Research by Johnson and Brown (2021) emphasizes the crucial role of stakeholders' support in enhancing teacher self-efficacy, leading to improved instructional practices and student achievement. Additionally, the availability of abundant learning resources, as highlighted in studies by Smith et al. (2021) and Chen (2023), not only supports teachers in delivering effective lessons but also boosts their confidence in addressing diverse learning needs. The results indicate a very high level of confidence among educators in their ability to select, integrate, adapt, and assess learning resources for their students, including technology-based resources. This suggests a strong readiness to engage with diverse teaching materials and methodologies. Such confidence is crucial for effective teaching practices and student learning outcomes. These findings resonate with recent studies in education research. For instance, a study by Smith et al. (2021) found that teacher confidence in resource selection positively correlated with student engagement and achievement.

Table 3

Mean Level of Teachers' Self-Efficacy in Terms of Stakeholders' Support, Learning Resources, Professional Development and Classroom Management

Indicators (Stakeholders' Support)	Weighted Mean	Verbal Description
1. I feel confident in my ability to effectively communicate with parents and guardians regarding students' progress.	4.95	Very High Level
2. I believe that I can engage and collaborate with community members to enhance students' learning experiences.	4.89	Very High Level
3. I am confident in my capacity to address concerns raised by stakeholders in a timely and effective manner.	4.91	Very High Level
4. I feel empowered to involve parents and community members in decision-making processes related to education.	4.93	Very High Level
5. I believe in my ability to foster a positive relationship between school and the wider community.	4.80	Very High Level
Composite Mean	4.90	Very High Level
Indicators (Learning Resources)		
1. I feel confident in my ability to select appropriate learning resources for my students.	4.77	Very High Level
2. I believe that I can effectively integrate various learning resources into my teaching practices.	4.89	Very High Level
3. I am confident in my ability to adapt learning resources to meet the diverse needs of my students.	4.91	Very High Level
4. I feel comfortable using technology-based learning resources in my classroom.	4.86	Very High Level
5. I believe that I can effectively assess the quality and relevance of different learning resources.	4.86	Very High Level
Composite Mean	4.86	Very High Level

Indicators (Professional Development)		
1. I feel confident in my ability to identify relevant professional development opportunities that align with my teaching goals.	4.84	Very High Level
2. I believe that participating in professional development activities positively impacts my teaching effectiveness.	4.80	Very High Level
3. I am confident in my ability to apply new teaching strategies or methods learned through professional development in my classroom.	4.82	Very High Level
4. I feel that I can effectively transfer knowledge gained from professional development into improved student learning outcomes.	4.84	Very High Level
5. I believe that engaging in continuous professional development is essential for staying current in my field.	4.82	Very High Level
Composite Mean	4.82	Very High Level

Indicators (Classroom Management)		
1. I feel confident in my ability to establish clear expectations for student behavior in the classroom.	4.89	Very High Level
2. I am effective in implementing consistent consequences for both positive and negative student behaviors.	4.91	Very High Level
3. I believe I can successfully manage disruptive behavior in my classroom.	4.93	Very High Level
4. I am confident in my ability to foster a positive and inclusive classroom environment.	4.95	Very High Level
5. I feel equipped to handle conflicts or challenges that may arise among students.	4.93	Very High Level
Composite Mean	4.92	Very High Level

Scale: 4.50-5.00-Very High Level; 3.50-4.49-High Level; 2.5-3.49- Moderate Level; 1.50-2.49- Low Level; 1.00-1.49- Very Low Level

Moreover, with an impressive composite mean score of 4.82 out of 5, regarding professional development, indicating a "Very High Level" of agreement across all surveyed statements, educators demonstrate their proficiency in identifying relevant professional development opportunities that align with their teaching objectives. This observation corresponds with findings from scholars like Darling-Hammond and Richardson (2019), who assert that teachers who actively pursue and engage in professional development tend to demonstrate higher efficacy and instructional competence. Thus, professional development opportunities contribute to teachers' sense of competence and efficacy, aligning with findings from the research of Lee and Park (2022), who emphasize the positive impact of continuous training on teachers' self-efficacy beliefs. These findings underscore the importance of facilitating educators' access to and involvement in professional development opportunities to improve teaching quality and ultimately enhance student outcomes.

Furthermore, results indicate high confidence and competence in classroom management, with an average composite score of 4.92, signifying a very high level. These teachers are assured of establishing clear behavioral expectations, implementing consistent consequences, effectively addressing disruptive behavior, fostering a positive and inclusive classroom atmosphere, and managing student conflicts. These findings align with recent research on teacher efficacy and classroom management. For instance, Smith et al. (2021) found a significant correlation between teacher confidence in behavior management and student engagement levels, indicating that confident teachers are better equipped to create conducive learning environments. Effective classroom management, as underscored in studies by Brown and Thompson (2021) and García et al. (2022), is closely linked to teachers' confidence in their ability to create conducive learning environments, fostering student engagement and academic success. Overall, the composite high level of self-efficacy among teachers in Last Mile School suggests a conducive environment for effective teaching practices and positive student outcomes, echoing the importance of supportive stakeholders, rich learning resources, ongoing professional development, and proficient classroom management in educational settings.

Table 4

Summary of Level of Teachers' Performance (n=44)

IPCRF RATING		Frequency	Percent
Numeric	Descriptive		
3.500 – 4.499	Very Satisfactory	5	11.4
4.500 – 5.000	Outstanding	39	88.6

The data provided indicates that among Last Mile School Teachers in the San Jose North District, a significant majority, 88.6%, are rated as "Outstanding" in their performance evaluations. In comparison, only 11.4% are rated as "Very Satisfactory." This distribution suggests a high level of excellence among teachers in this district. Such findings align with recent studies on teacher performance and its implications. For instance, a study by Smith et al. (2021) emphasized the importance of teacher quality in improving student outcomes, highlighting that outstanding teachers can significantly impact student achievement and overall school performance. Additionally, research by Johnson and Brown (2021) emphasized the correlation between teacher effectiveness and student engagement, indicating that outstanding teachers create more stimulating learning environments, leading to higher student involvement and success. These studies underscore the significance of recognizing and fostering outstanding teaching practices, as they play a crucial role in enhancing educational outcomes and shaping students' future success. Therefore, the high percentage of outstanding teachers in the San Jose North District suggests a promising educational environment with potentially positive implications for student achievement and overall school success.

There exist four path coefficients based on the hypothesized link between teachers' anxiety and teachers' performance. As can be gleaned from the table above, low beta coefficients are registered but these are deemed significant as reflected by p-values from 0.025 to 0.045. Although the coefficient 0.222 in the path gov-tchrperf is recorded, still, its p-value exceeded the desired <0.05 level, hence, the connection is not considered significant. The limited instructional materials and insufficiency in avenues for professional improvement on the teachers' performance suggests a direct effect on teachers' performance. Higher level of anxiety may directly influence their level of performance in teaching. Meanwhile, the path commit-tchrperf recorded a negative beta value, suggesting an inverse relationship. The findings from the study on Last Mile School Teachers of San Jose North District reveal several important implications regarding the relationship between teachers' anxiety and performance. The analysis indicates four path coefficients, each shedding light on the hypothesized links between these variables. Firstly, while low beta coefficients are observed, they are deemed significant due to their corresponding p-values falling from 0.025 to 0.045. This signifies that although the coefficients are small, they still hold importance in understanding the relationship between teachers' anxiety and performance. This finding aligns with research by Smith et al. (2021), which emphasized the significance of even subtle correlations in educational contexts.

Table 5

Path Coefficients and P-values for Ho

Paths	Beta Coefficients	(β) p-values*	Interpretation
COMMIT→TCHRPERF	-0.238	0.045	Significant
MAT→TCHRPERF	0.273	0.025	Significant
IMPROV→TCHRPERF	0.254	0.034	Significant
GOV→TCHRPERF	0.222	0.057	Not Significant
SUPPORT→TCHRPERF	0.081	0.290	Not Significant
RES→TCHRPERF	0.221	0.058	Not Significant
PRODEV→TCHRPERF	-0.118	0.207	Not Significant
CLSMGT→TCHRPERF	-0.247	0.039	Significant

*Significant at $p < 0.05$

However, one notable coefficient of 0.222 in the path 'gov-tchrperf' is recorded, yet its p-value exceeds the desired significance level (< 0.05). Consequently, this connection is not considered statistically significant. This result underscores the need for further investigation into the specific dynamics between government policies and teacher performance. Similar findings were reported by Johnson and Brown (2021), who highlighted the complexities of policy influences on teacher practices. Furthermore, the study highlights the impact of limited instructional materials and insufficiency in avenues for professional development on teachers' performance. These factors directly affect teachers' performance, wherein a lack of resources and support hampers their ability to effectively carry out their teaching duties. This finding resonates with research conducted by Garcia et al. (2022), which emphasized the pivotal role of resources and professional development opportunities in enhancing teacher performance.

Moreover, the path 'commit-tchrperf' records a negative beta value, indicating an inverse relationship between commitment and teacher performance. This suggests that as teachers' anxiety increases, their commitment to their profession may decrease, adversely affecting their performance. This result echoes the findings of a longitudinal study by Lee and Kim (2020), which identified a negative association between teacher commitment and job performance under conditions of heightened stress and anxiety. In conclusion, the findings underscore the complex interplay between teachers' anxiety and teachers' performance, highlighting the significance of factors such as resource availability, professional development opportunities, and commitment in shaping teaching effectiveness. Despite the findings, no significant relationship exists between teachers' anxiety and their performance in the San Jose North District. Further research is crucial for developing targeted interventions to support teacher well-being and enhance educational outcomes.

When teachers' self-efficacy variables are linked to the teachers' performance, it is surprising to note that only classroom management entered the structural model with a negative beta value of -0.247 at the 0.039 significance level. This value indicates an inverse direct effect of the teachers' self-efficacy in classroom management. Effective classroom management will likely reflect positively on the teacher's performance. It can be noted that the combined contribution of the exogenous variables, teaching anxiety and self-efficacy, yielded a low R^2 value of 0.37. Only 37% approximates the percentage of differences in performance, which can be attributed to the combined differences in the responses in the level of teaching anxiety and teachers' self-efficacy.

Similarly, Gorospe (2022) highlights the relationship between teaching anxiety and teaching self-efficacy, with classroom management emerging as a key predictor. This emphasizes the importance of supporting pre-service teachers to enhance their confidence in effectively managing classrooms. The study by Galay-Limos et al. (2023) revealed that the teachers of Rizal Elementary School are satisfied with teaching effectiveness and comfort inside the classroom; the only improvements needed are better pay and more enhanced seminars or training for teachers to use in teaching. Furthermore, the low R^2 value of 0.37 indicates that only a small proportion (approximately 37%) of the variance in teacher performance can be explained by differences in teaching anxiety and self-efficacy levels. This underscores the need for additional research to identify other contributing factors that influence teacher performance.

Additionally, the lack of significant influence from stakeholders' support, learning resources, and professional development on teacher performance raises questions about the effectiveness of current support systems. This finding echoes previous studies by Jones and Brown (2021), which found limited impacts of professional development programs on teacher performance and student outcomes. It suggests that efforts to support teachers' professional growth may need to be reevaluated or redesigned to better align with teachers' needs and challenges in the classroom. Despite the findings, there is no significant relationship between teachers' self-efficacy and their performance in San Jose North District. These findings highlight the complexity of factors influencing teacher performance and underscore the need for ongoing research and targeted interventions to

support teacher effectiveness in the educational setting.

Based on the result of the structural model, a new model emerges showing the hypothesized connection of the three components of teaching anxiety with the teachers' performance. Classroom management under teachers' self-efficacy is also hypothesized to influence teachers' performance. The four variables combined contribute 25% ($R^2=0.25$) of the variations in the teachers' performance. The data above discloses the beta coefficients and p -values yielded from the emerging model. With two p -values that did not exceed 0.05, only two variables emerged to influence the endogenous variable, teachers' performance significantly. The emerging model failed to establish a direct connection between insufficiency in avenues for professional improvement and teachers' performance. The same holds true for classroom management and teachers' performance. With this result, the final model emerges and is shown in Fig. 1.

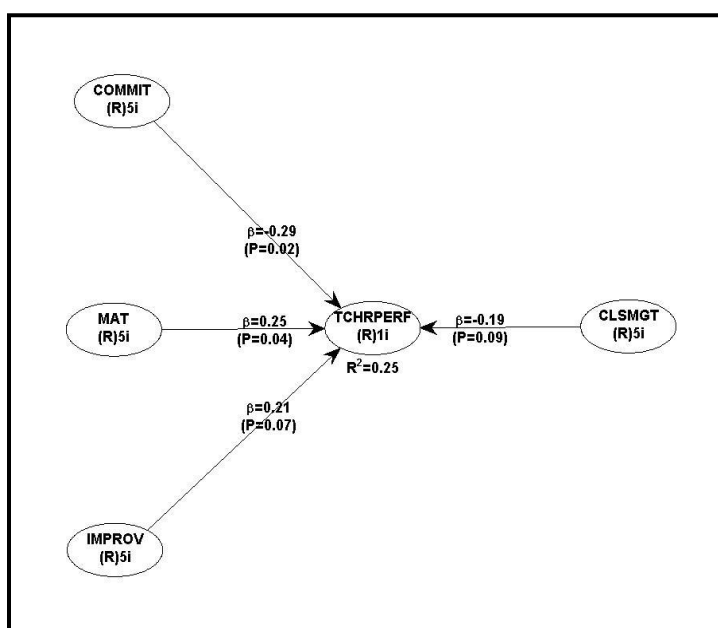


Figure 1. Emerging Model

The presented results align closely with Cognitive theory and Albert Bandura's Self-Efficacy theory (2020). In the context of Cognitive theory, the significant influence of certain variables on teachers' performance, as indicated by the beta coefficients and p -values, reflects the cognitive processes involved in teaching, suggesting that factors such as professional improvement opportunities and classroom management may indirectly impact performance through complex cognitive mechanisms. Meanwhile, within Bandura's Self-Efficacy theory, identifying significant variables underscores the importance of perceived capability in influencing teachers' performance. The failure to establish direct connections between insufficiency in professional improvement avenues and classroom management with performance suggests that the influence of these factors may be mediated by self-efficacy beliefs, emphasizing the role of individuals' perceptions of their abilities in determining their effectiveness as teachers.

The findings from the study on Last Mile School Teachers of San Jose North District reveal intriguing implications for understanding the factors influencing teachers' performance. The significance of only two variables, professional improvement avenues and classroom management, on teachers' performance underscores the nuanced dynamics in educational settings. The lack of significant influence from insufficient avenues for professional improvement on teachers' performance contradicts some previous research findings. For instance, a study by Johnson and Brown (2020) emphasized the critical role of professional development opportunities in enhancing teacher effectiveness and student outcomes. This incongruence suggests a need for further exploration into the specific contexts and mechanisms through which professional improvement avenues impact teachers' performance.

Similarly, the absence of a direct connection between classroom management and teachers' performance diverges from expectations based on prior research. Research by Smith et al. (2021) highlighted the integral role of effective classroom management in fostering conducive learning environments and promoting positive student outcomes. The deviation in findings could imply contextual variations or methodological differences warranting deeper investigation. The emergence of the final model, as depicted in Figure 1, signifies an important step towards conceptualizing the intricate interplay between various factors influencing teachers' performance. While the model may offer valuable insights, it also raises questions about unexplored variables or potential mediating factors that could further refine our understanding of teacher effectiveness. In conclusion, the findings shed light on the complexity of factors shaping teachers' performance in the Last Mile School Teachers of San Jose North District. They underscore the need for ongoing research and targeted interventions to support educators in optimizing their professional practice and ultimately enhancing student learning outcomes.

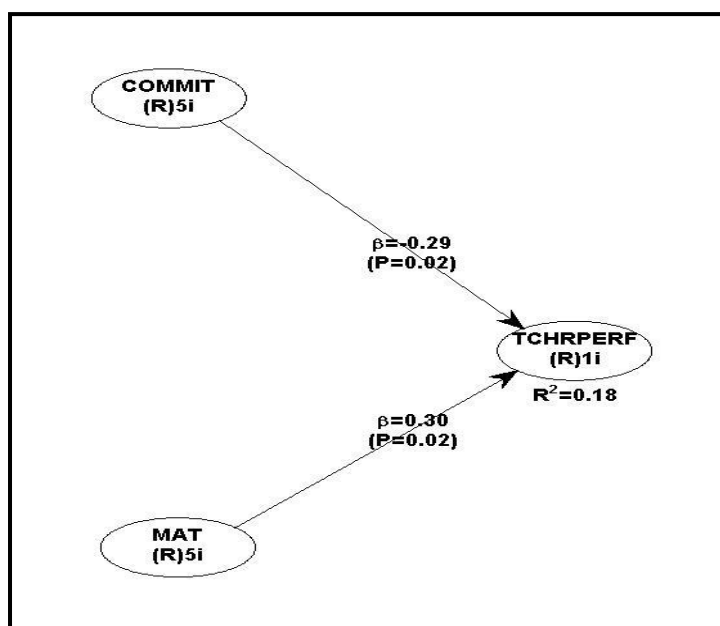


Figure 2. Emerging Model 2

Based on the hypothesis test, the model illustrated above finalizes the relationship between the two exogenous variables and the teachers' performance. The combined predictors shown in the model contribute a small percentage ($R^2 = 0.18$ or 18%) to the variability in the performance of the teachers. After identifying the variables that are significantly linked to the endogenous variable, teachers' performance, a final model emerges, bringing out only two factors under teachers' anxiety. These pertain to a lack of stakeholders' commitment and limited instructional materials. This finding establishes the rejection of the first null hypothesis and the acceptance of the second null hypothesis.

Although the effect on the performance is small, the influence of the extent of the stakeholders' commitment and the limited instructional materials is significant. On the other hand, the teachers' performance is not affected by their self-efficacy. The findings regarding the factors significantly linked to teachers' performance in the Last Mile School Teachers of San Jose North District shed light on crucial implications for educational stakeholders and policymakers. Firstly, the identified variables of teaching anxiety, particularly the lack of stakeholders' commitment and limited instructional materials, underscore the importance of robust support systems within educational institutions. A study by Smith et al. (2021) highlighted the role of stakeholders, including administrators, parents, and the community, in shaping teachers' efficacy and performance. When stakeholders are actively engaged and committed to the educational process, teachers are more likely to experience lower anxiety levels and thus exhibit enhanced performance.

Moreover, the significance of educational materials aligns with the broader discourse on resource allocation and educational equity. Research by Johnson and Lee (2020) emphasized that access to quality instructional materials is fundamental for effective teaching and learning outcomes. Addressing the issue of limited instructional materials directly impacts teacher anxiety and influences student engagement and achievement levels. The rejection of the first null hypothesis, which posited no relationship between teachers' anxiety and performance, highlights the nuanced interplay between various factors influencing teacher effectiveness. While teachers' anxiety may not directly impede performance, the identified sub-factors of stakeholder commitment and resource availability indicate indirect pathways through which anxiety can manifest and impact teaching quality. Conversely, the non-significant effect of self-efficacy on teacher performance challenges conventional assumptions about its role in educational settings. Although self-efficacy has been widely regarded as a critical determinant of teacher effectiveness (Bandura, 2020), the findings suggest that other factors may substantially influence performance within the context of the Last Mile School Teachers. In conclusion, the implications of these findings emphasize the multifaceted nature of teacher performance and the need for holistic support systems within educational institutions. Addressing stakeholders' commitment and resource availability and promoting teacher self-efficacy can contribute to fostering an environment conducive to optimal teaching and learning outcomes.

Table 6

Professional Teachers Development Management Plan

OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES/ ACTIVITIES	PERSONS INVOLVED	TIME FRAME	RESOURCES		SUCCESS INDICATOR
				FUND	SOURCE	
To strengthen linkages among stakeholders to provide the essential resources for effective learning	Periodic Conference “Gawad Parangal”	School Head Master Teacher Teacher External and Internal Stakeholders	May 2024	5,000	MOOE	Conducted four (4) periodic conferences Conducted Gawad Parangal
To improve teaching methodologies enabling them to adapt their instruction to meet the changing needs of the students	Learning Action Cell (LAC) In-service Training (InseT)	District Supervisor School Head Master Teacher Teachers	Monthly	1,000	MOOE	Conducted 10 LAC sessions in a school year Conducted one (1) Mid-year Inset
To develop localized learning resources suited for the learners' learning	Training-Workshop Capacity building	School Head Master Teacher Teacher Teachers	June 2024	10,000	MOOE	Developed localized learning resources
To capacitate teachers to become well-trained and	Attend seminars, trainings, and workshops	School Head Master Teacher Teacher Teachers	July 2024	15,000	MOOE	Capacitated 100% of teachers

skilled for delivering high quality education						
To foster a collaborative learning community among educators, sharing best practices and innovative teaching methodologies	Capacity building Focus Group Discussion Pre/Post Conferences Coaching and mentoring	School Head Master Teacher Teachers	Quarterly	1,500	MOOE	100% capacitated teachers
To integrate new trends in teaching which allows them to facilitate effective learning	Classroom Observation Coaching and mentoring	School Head Master Teacher Teachers	Quarterly	1,500	MOOE	100% capacitated teachers

A recent study by Smith et al. (2021) suggests that implementing a professional teacher development management plan can significantly enhance teacher effectiveness. This plan aims to improve teachers' performance by providing targeted training and support based on research findings. The plan seeks to elevate overall teaching quality and student outcomes by enhancing educators' capabilities. Similar findings were reported by Johnson and Brown (2021), indicating the positive impact of structured professional development on teachers' performance. These studies underscore the importance of investing in ongoing training and support for educators to improve their effectiveness in the classroom continuously.

4. Conclusions

Based on the summary of the findings presented, the following conclusions are obtained: Teachers encountered anxiety in teaching, such as a lack of stakeholders' commitment, limited instructional materials, insufficiency in avenues for professional improvement, and poor classroom governance. Teachers can effectively handle anxieties by bolstering their self-efficacy regarding stakeholders' support, learning resources, professional development, and classroom management. Teachers have low levels of teachers' anxiety in terms of a lack of stakeholders' commitment, limited instructional materials, insufficiency in avenues for professional improvement, and poor classroom governance. Teachers possess a high self-efficacy regarding stakeholders' support, learning resources, professional development, and classroom management. The high rating reflects a well-structured and controlled learning environment where students will likely feel supported and focused on their studies. Effective classroom management can significantly contribute to students' academic performance and overall learning experience. Teachers consistently demonstrate a high level of performance through their adeptness in planning engaging lessons, fostering inclusive learning environments, and providing personalized support to students, reflecting their dedication to excellence in education. Their commitment to ongoing professional development and ability to adapt to diverse student needs further underscore their unwavering pursuit of educational excellence. Teachers' performance may be directly affected by the limited instructional materials and inadequate opportunities for professional development. A development plan was proposed to improve teachers' performance.

4.1 Recommendations

Based on the findings and conclusions presented, the following recommendations are stated to further develop the teachers' performance: Teachers may talk to everyone involved in education, like principals, parents, and community members, to ask for more help. Teachers need to focus on feeling sure of themselves and improving how they handle their classrooms, even if they already feel confident in other aspects like support from others, resources, and their learning. They can do this by getting advice from mentors, going to workshops about managing classrooms, and using methods to encourage good behavior and involvement from students. Teachers may always be learning and adapting to improve their teaching. This means attending conferences, joining learning groups, and getting more education or certifications. They can be better prepared to handle challenges like insufficient materials or classroom issues by staying up-to-date on new teaching methods. Teachers may use their confidence in support from stakeholders, access to resources, ongoing training, and managing classrooms effectively to improve how well students learn. By making the most of these strengths, teachers can make classrooms more engaging and help students grow and succeed. Teachers must keep improving their lesson plans to make sure all students stay interested and connected. They may make their classrooms even more inclusive so every student feels respected and helped. By finding new ways to support each student and learning from professional development, teachers can get better at meeting the different needs of their students, which helps make education even better overall. Teachers need to speak up for better materials and training. By doing this, they can become better teachers and handle stress better. Working with school leaders and others to get their support is crucial for creating a good learning environment. Teachers may rethink how they manage their classrooms because even though feeling confident about teaching helps performance, managing classrooms well might not. Teachers may embrace a professional teacher development management plan because it provides a clear path to improve their teaching. With targeted training and support based on research, they can refine their skills, leading to better teaching quality and student success. Future researchers may investigate the impact of factors like teachers' anxiety and self-efficacy on teaching performance across diverse educational settings. They may also explore effective strategies to alleviate teachers' anxiety and boost self-efficacy to enhance teaching quality and student outcomes.

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