

Developing Educational Change in High Need Schools through Pejabat Pendidikan Daerah (PPD)

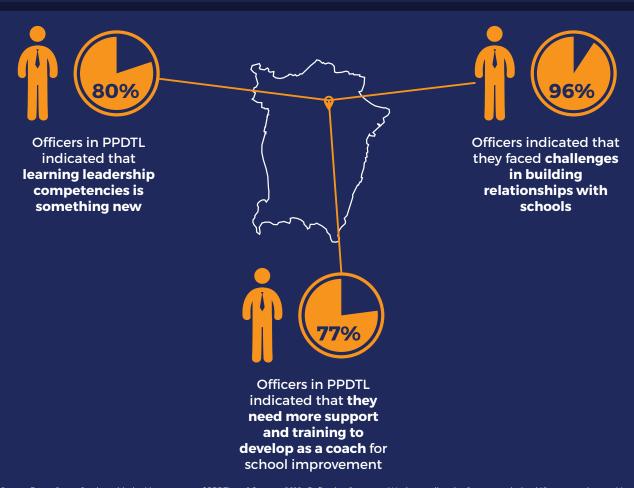






The District Transformation Programme (DTP) hopes to increase the quality of schools via PPD. However, based on a survey conducted for 54 officers, we found few challenges in PPD Timur Laut (PPDTL):

These challenges could potentially caused by an absence of specific leadership competencies to develop PPD officers as effective coaches/leaders.







Hence, the Teacher Empowerment for School Transformation (TEST) programme was designed to develop PPDTL officers' competencies to deliver quality professional development programmes for schools.

A three year leadership programme aimed at developing officers' abilities in the areas of school management, pedagogical knowledge and students' holistic development.

**School leaders and PPD officers** demonstrate ability to lead change **Teachers** indicate **increase in SKPMg-2 Standard Four** 

**Students display progress in their** learning competencies





Quality of **PPD** officers' leadership.



Quality of school leaders' leadership



Quality of teachers' instructional skills

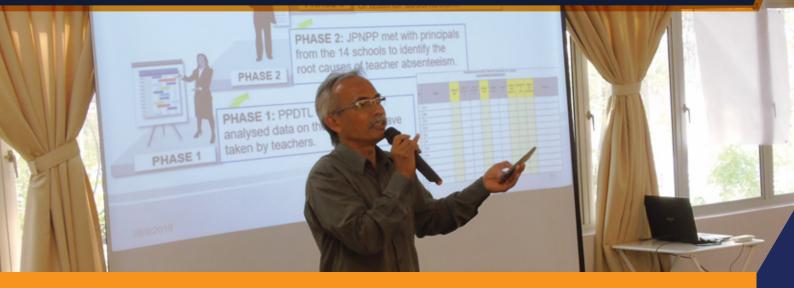


Quality of students' learning and leadership skills

**Year One Year Two Year Three** 







The TEST programme specifically operates in high need schools.



Consist of **54 PPD officers**, **922 teachers**and **8918 students** 



Ranked as high need schools in the district due to low academic performances, high absenteeism and disciplinary issues



Majority of the students in these schools come from low socio-economic background





Minimal involvement from parents and community due to negative perception of the schools by the community



Teachers have low expectations on students and minimal accountability to parents

Note: The 14 schools were initially selected in 2016 based on their band ranking (Band 5 and 6)
Source: Discussion with TEST Management Team in 2016 and 2017, Data Enrolmen Pelajar Sekolah TEST 2018







Based on the DTP 3.0 guidelines, TEST is co-created with PPD officers and operated based on the PDCA (Plan, Do, Check, Act) framework.

- PPD officers undergo a series of professional development courses once every quarter.
- **Upon completion, PPD** officers enhance their learnings through focus groups and one-on-one sessions.
- Next, PPD officers plan workshops and follow-up sessions for schools.

**STEP 1: Plan (Workshops)** 

Workshops for PPD



Workshops for all PPD officers







School Leadership Coaching

PPD

**Developing** 

exceptional

**PPD officers to** 

**build effective** 

schools

- **During the 'School** Leadership Coaching', PPD officers deliver workshops and follow up sessions for 'Teacher Leader' (change agents) and School Leaders.
- These sessions aimed to work with the schools on areas they have identified and review the school's progress from time-to-time.

STEP 2: Do & Check

2

In school training

SLTs

**Application** 

**School Leadership** 

Coaching

3 **Impact Measurement** 



### Workshops

- **Modules**
- Competency Framework
- Reports
- **Attendance**
- Templates and checklists for Learning Circle, **Lesson Walk** and Lesson Study (post workshop)



## School Leadership Coaching

- Survey and Success Stories
- Performance Review
- Students' Academic & Curricular



# MEASURING INDA



### **Action Research**

Report School **Summit** 











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It is also a collaboration between the Government and Private sectors to deliver the best outcome for officers and schools.

**JK Pemandu** 

**Pengarah JPN** 

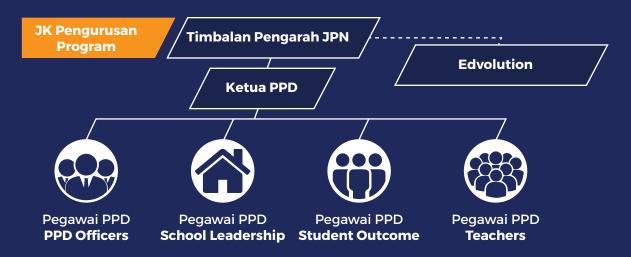


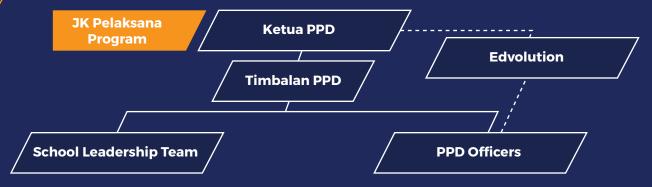












- Principal to oversee the programme progress.
- Penolong Kanan to be in-charged of a focus area.
- ▶ Guru Kanan, Ketua Panitia and Teacher Leader to run initiatives for each area.

- Each officer to be assigned with a focus area to assist school achieve their targets.
- ► An officer is appointed to oversee the overall programme progress.





# "We do workshops, guide them and then we will see the progress"

(Officer's school leadership coaching activities in TEST programme)

# Govindasamy A/L Kannan District Science and Mathematics Officer,

**TEST Programme Mentor for SMK Georgetown, PPD Timur Laut** 





Year One of the programme focused on two key areas to build structural change in schools. In order to do so, PPDTL officers and schools identified and focused on improving teacher welfare to increase teacher attendance.

Fokus dan Gerak Kerja TEST tahun 2018: Building a structural and cultural change in schools and PPD.



**Key Practices** 

Baseline study to identify key issue

Common vision between PPDTL and schools

Quality **School** 

Quality of PPD

officers' leadership

Empowering Teachers to be Transformative Leaders Quality Student Outcome

Quality of teachers'

instructional skills

Create an effective team

Empower teachers for new roles



2

Quality of **school** leaders' leadership



Quality of students' learning and leadership skills Actions Taken by PPD
Officers and School Leaders

Data on Teaching & Learning and Teacher Attendance



Improving Teacher Welfare



Teacher
Leaders as
change agents
using
SKPMg-2



Distributed leadership through 'Learning Circles'





To support the above work, workshops and coaching sessions were conducted to ensure schools and officers receive sufficient and continuous support.

PPD

### Workshop

School

5 workshops

- Understanding Leadership Competencies.
- Developing Improvement Plan.
- Selecting Teacher Leaders & Baseline Study.
- School Restructuring.
- School Leaders Professional Discourse.

**20** workshops

Average of 74%

### Coaching

Average of <u>Attendance</u> 79%



- Understanding Leadership Competencies.
- ► Developing School and PPD Improvement Plan.
- ► Selecting Teacher Leaders & Baseline Study.
- ► Teacher Leader Shortlisting.
- ► School Restructuring.
- ► Performance Review.

- Identifying School Issues.
- Developing School Goals.
- Selecting Teacher Leaders & Baseline Study.
- ► Teacher Leader Shortlisting.
- School Restructuring.
- ► Increasing Teacher Welfare.
- Year-end Review.

154 coaching sessions





"..buat kali pertamanya, saya bersama-sama dengan PK HEM, PK KoKu dan GK saya menyelesaikan isu sekolah secara satu pasukan dengan fokus yang jelas dan spesifik"

(Principal's sharing on changes in work culture through the TEST programme)

Khairana binti Zain
Principal,
SMK Georgetown.





Throughout the TEST programme, the journey has created a synergy between PPD, JPN and schools which have resulted in four key outcomes:



"Synergy - the bonus that is achieved when things work together harmoniously" - Mark Twain





Key Success no. 1:



The TEST programme has synergised key stakeholders with a common vision to deliver the best outcome for schools. This is key towards building an effective public-private partnership.



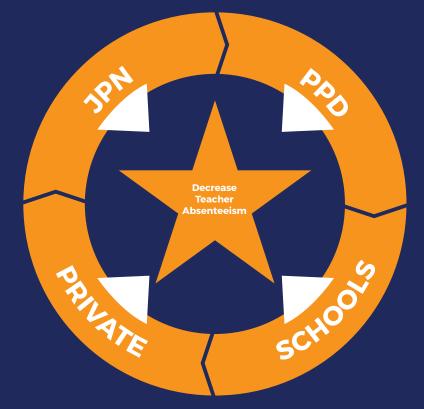


- Townhall with principals and officers on Teacher Attendance.
- Monthly updates on the schools' and officers' progress.
- Provide strategic advise and approval.
- Session with identified teachers.





- Townhall with principals and officers (PGB, Dialog Prestasi).
- Monthly updates on the schools' and officers' progress.
- Data collection and monitoring.
- Weekly 'school visits'.





- Besides sponsoring a total of RM 1.6 million, ECM Libra Foundation also actively provides management advice.
- ► TFM works closely in developing modules and training framework.
- Edvolution Enterprise works closely with PPD officers to guide the schools.





- Teacher Leaders and school leaders form 'Learning Circles' (small discussion groups) to increase teachers' welfare.
- Weekly discussions with PPD officers on interventions.



**Key Success no. 2:** 



The TEST programme sees officers developing progressively as compared to where they started.

### In the beginning,

### PPD OFFICER YEAR END REVIEW



### OBJECTIVES:

- a. To provide PPD officers and TEST programme mentors a formal avenue to review the programme.
- b. To align goals and expectations between PPD officers and TEST programme mentors.



### BEFORE THE REVIEW (PRE-WORK)

Step 1: Fill in the Officers Workplace Climate Assessment: http://gg.gg/ppdworkelimate

Step 2: Rate oneself using Mentoring Competencies Rubric; PPD Leadership Competencies Rubric Area 3.0 and 5.0

Step 3: Make an appointment with programme mentor using Google Sheet: http://gg.gg/yearendreview2018



### DURING THE REVIEW (AGENDA)

A. Discuss self-rating given by PPD officer in Step 2 B. TEST mentor moderates ratings with the officer. C. TEST mentor and officer finalise ratings.



### AFTER THE REVIEW (FINAL RATINGS AND REPORT)

A. TEST mentor submit review to TEST Management Team for final ratings.

B. Receive final report from TEST mentor.



Officers in PPDTL indicated that they need support and training to develop as a coach.



Officers indicated that they faced challenges in building relationships with schools.

However, 11 months into the programme;



Officers indicated competencies competencies in 'Beginner'



Officers indicated in 'Intermediate'



Officers indicated in 'Advance'



0% Officers indicated competencies competencies in **'Exceptional'** 





**Key Success no. 3:** 



### **Mindset Change**

The TEST programme also witnessed a mindset change in schools between school leaders and their teachers.



Teachers from SMK (L) Methodist receving their certificate for achieving zero CRK and MC in 2018 from the Ketua PPD.

### In the beginning,



School leaders find it a challenge to use the SKPMg-2 Standard Four in improving teachers.





School leaders identified time and teachers' mindset of being observed as a key challenge in developing them as good instructional leaders.

### However, 11 months into the programme:



A 'Learning Circle' facilitated by a PPD officer and attended by the Teacher Leaders and school leaders of SMK Jelutong.

100%

of school
leaders have
succesfully
observed,
moderated
and selected
'Teacher
Leaders'
(change
agents) using
SKPMg-2
Standard
Four.

100%

of schools have successfully formed 'Learning Circles' comprising of Teacher Leaders and school leaders to close the gap between the management and teachers.

79%

of school
leaders and
Teacher
Leaders are
working
together and
have identified
their key
interventions
towards
improving
teachers'
welfare.



of school
leaders and
Teacher
Leaders have
implemented
/are planning
their
intervention.





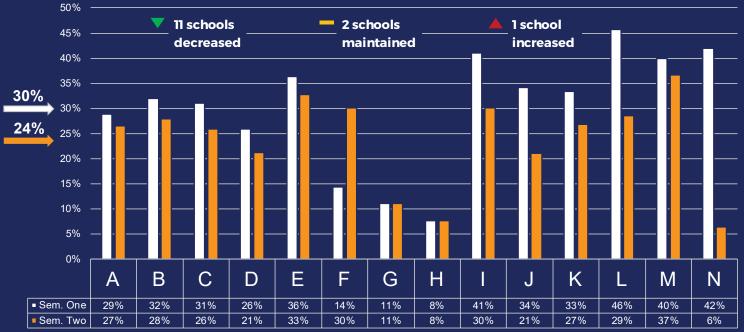
**Key Success no. 4:** 



All the above efforts have resulted in a decrease of teachers taking leave by 6% in the span of five months.

In a study conducted by Unit Pengurusan Sekolah for 14 schools, an average of 30% of teachers have taken leave (CRK/MC) more than twice in the first six months of the year. This means, an average of three teachers will not be in school in a month more than twice.

# Percentage of Teachers who took CRK/MC in Semester One and Semester Two 2018



Note: CRK - Cuti Rehat Khas, MC - Medical Leave; Semester One - January to June 2018, Semester Two - July to October 2018







In summary, our key learnings for year 2018 are:



Common Vision between the state, district and schools have created a synergy between the three institutions toward resolving a common issue.



Persistence in officers' effort to guide schools have resulted in positive development of their competencies.



Good and trusted team members amongst Teacher Leaders and school leaders have resulted in mindset change and a start of culture change in schools.



All the above have empowered the schools with new capabilities to set and achieve their targets.





The support and advice from the following organisations are key in enabling TEST to be carried out effectively in schools.

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