

Does School Climate Matter for Job Satisfaction? The Mediating Role of Teachers' Self-Efficacy and Work Engagement

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ABSTRAK

Kepuasan kerja guru sangat penting dalam mendukung pencapaian kinerja individu dan organisasi pendidikan. Namun, dalam konteks pendidikan di Indonesia, terdapat kekurangan penelitian yang secara khusus mengeksplorasi bagaimana iklim sekolah mempengaruhi kepuasan kerja guru, terutama dengan mempertimbangkan peran efikasi diri dan keterlibatan kerja sebagai variabel mediasi. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis peran mediasi efikasi diri dan keterlibatan kerja dalam hubungan antara iklim sekolah dan kepuasan kerja guru. Penelitian ini menggunakan desain penelitian cross-sectional survei dengan melibatkan 208 guru Sekolah Menengah Atas (44,13% laki-laki, 59,13% perempuan; rata-rata usia = 37,96, SD = 8,34). Data dikumpulkan menggunakan Minnesota Satisfaction Questionnaire (MSQ), School Climate Survey, Teachers' Self-Efficacy Scale, dan Utrecht Work Engagement Shortened Version (UWES-9). Analisis data dilakukan menggunakan Structural Equation Modelling - Partial Least Squares (SEM-PLS) untuk menguji hipotesis. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa iklim sekolah berpengaruh signifikan terhadap kepuasan kerja guru melalui mediasi efikasi diri. Selain itu, keterlibatan kerja juga berperan sebagai mediator yang signifikan dalam hubungan ini. Temuan ini memberikan kontribusi dalam upaya peningkatan kepuasan kerja guru, dengan menunjukkan bahwa iklim sekolah yang positif dapat mendorong peningkatan efikasi diri dan keterlibatan kerja, yang pada gilirannya meningkatkan kepuasan kerja guru. Oleh karena itu, penting untuk menciptakan kondisi iklim sekolah yang mendukung guna memperbaiki kesejahteraan kerja guru secara keseluruhan.

ABSTRACT

Teacher job satisfaction is crucial in supporting the achievement of individual and organizational performance in education. However, in the context of education in Indonesia, there is a lack of research specifically exploring how school climate affects teacher job satisfaction, particularly considering the role of self-efficacy and work engagement as mediating variables. This study aims to analyze the mediating role of self-efficacy and work engagement in the relationship between school climate and teacher job satisfaction. The study uses a cross-sectional survey design involving 208 senior high school teachers (44.13% male, 59.13% female; average age = 37.96, SD = 8.34). Data were collected using the Minnesota Satisfaction Questionnaire (MSQ), School Climate Survey, Teachers' Self-Efficacy Scale, and Utrecht Work Engagement Shortened Version (UWES-9). Data analysis was conducted using Structural Equation Modelling - Partial Least Squares (SEM-PLS) to test the hypotheses. The results indicate that school climate significantly influences teacher job satisfaction through the mediation of selfefficacy. Furthermore, work engagement also serves as a significant mediator in this relationship. These findings contribute to efforts to enhance teacher job satisfaction, showing that a positive school climate can foster improvements in self-efficacy and work engagement, which, in turn, enhances teacher job satisfaction. Therefore, it is essential to create a supportive school climate to improve teachers' overall well-being.

1. INTRODUCTION

Teachers play a pivotal role in the success of educational institutions. Various studies underscore the significance of teachers in schools, emphasizing their multifaceted contributions. Teachers act as

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catalysts for change, propelling innovation in teaching methodologies, educational technologies, and novel learning approaches to enhance the educational landscape (Fauth et al., 2019; S. Liu et al., 2024). Previous study underscore the ethical dimension of teachers as moral agents and role models crucial in imparting values and ethics to students (Asif et al., 2020). The caliber of teachers directly impacts the quality of education (Day, 2019; Manning et al., 2019). Given their pivotal role in fostering educational success, it is imperative to continuously motivate teachers to maintain high performance levels.

Prior research has consistently demonstrated that elevated job satisfaction is a key driver of exemplary teacher performance (Sujadi et al., 2019; Torlak & Kuzey, 2019; Yuliandra et al., 2024). Teacher job satisfaction significantly contributes to cultivating a productive and supportive educational milieu. Job satisfaction stands as a focal point in Industrial and Organizational Psychology, being extensively researched (Judge et al., 2020; Rothausen & Henderson, 2019). The evaluation of job satisfaction is instrumental in fortifying employee engagement and serves as a cornerstone for achieving professional success. Job satisfaction encapsulates an individual's positive emotional state derived from their job or work encounters (Harrison et al., 2006; Zhang & Zheng, 2019). Previous study delineate job satisfaction as the favorable sentiments about a job resulting from an appraisal of its attributes (Robbins & Judge, 2013). Individuals with heightened job satisfaction exhibit positive sentiments towards their roles, contrasting with those with diminished satisfaction who harbor negative feelings. In the realm of teaching, job satisfaction denotes the nexus between a teacher's professional aspirations and their perceived rewards or requisites, culminating in an outcome shaped by attitudinal and affective responses (Baluyos et al., 2019; Ortan et al., 2021).

Diverse studies have sought to unravel the intricacies of teacher job satisfaction. Scholarly findings underscore job satisfaction as a critical barometer not only for employee psychological well-being and health but also for various organizational objectives (Bashir & Gani, 2020; Zhang & Zheng, 2019). Hence, job satisfaction emerges as a pivotal factor essential for optimal job performance. A sense of contentment fosters enthusiasm in the workplace, leading to enhanced productivity. Job satisfaction also serves as a precursor to turnover intentions (Gebregziabher et al., 2020; Pratama et al., 2022). A study conducted on Iranian employees revealed that heightened job satisfaction correlates with increased work productivity, contributing to enhanced work quality. Satisfied employees exhibit heightened thoroughness and precision in task completion, reducing errors and bolstering efficiency (Hoboubi et al., 2017; W. Wang & Zhou, 2022). Augmented teacher job satisfaction correlates with enhanced accountability towards learning outcomes. Variables like teacher workload, collaboration, and perceptions of student discipline intricately intertwine with teacher job satisfaction (Capone & Petrillo, 2020; Toropova et al., 2020).

While high job satisfaction is conducive to enhancing educational quality, extant surveys reveal persisting challenges in this realm. A comprehensive investigation involving 634 teachers across 120 rural schools in China by H. Wang et al. unveiled a notable prevalence of teacher dissatisfaction, with approximately 21% of rural educators expressing discontent with their roles (H. Wang et al., 2022). Noteworthy correlates of this dissatisfaction, as identified in the study, encompass individual and school-level factors such as gender, homeroom responsibilities, absence of managerial roles, age group, and boarding school affiliation. Additionally, findings from another study indicated that half of the participants harbored turnover intentions, with dissatisfaction being a prominent factor (Räsänen et al., 2020). Specific grievances related to inadequate facilities and equipment were highlighted in previous research (Bozeman et al., 2013). Moreover, broader professional discontent has been documented in prior studies, exemplified by employee dissatisfaction in various contexts (Alharbi et al., 2016; Merga & Fufa, 2019; Nørøxe et al., 2018).

Educators experiencing job dissatisfaction are vulnerable to stress, burnout, and diminished mental and emotional well-being (Agyapong et al., 2022; Meditamar et al., 2022). Various factors, including school climate, are anticipated to impact teacher job satisfaction (Ghavifekr & Pillai, 2016; Malinen & Savolainen, 2016). Organizational climate, defined as the collective interpretation that members attribute to organizational occurrences, policies, practices, and behaviors perceived as endorsed, supported, and anticipated, contrasts with the delineation by Peterson & Fischer, underscoring shared perceptions of the work environment and organizational directives affecting well-being (Peterson & Fischer, 2004; Schneider et al., 2013). James and Jones distinguished psychological climate from organizational climate, with contemporary research emphasizing organizational climate as a distinct entity, separate from individual perspectives.

Previous study argued that there are several common dimensions that constitute organizational climate, such as an outcome (e.g., climate for safety) or organizational process (e.g., ethics, fairness) (Aarons et al., 2017). Additionally, previous study proposed four dimensions in the perception of organizational climate: work challenge and autonomy; role stress and lack of harmony; leadership facilitation and support; and work group cooperation, friendliness, and warmth (Marin Viđak Vicko Tomić & Marušić, 2023). Findings from a study involving 271 samples revealed that specific dimensions of organizational climate

such as identity, conflict management, and rewards exhibited a statistically significant positive correlation with job satisfaction (Gaunya, 2016). This is further corroborated by a study indicating a strong association between employee job satisfaction, company type, and organizational climate (Tsai, 2014). Organizational climate holds significance in academic institutions due to its impact on employees. Institutional leadership plays a crucial role in shaping organizational, subsequently influencing work and job satisfaction (Lan et al., 2019; Marin Viđak Vicko Tomić & Marušić, 2023).

Several variables are anticipated to act as mediators in the relationship between organizational climate and teacher job satisfaction. Past research has demonstrated that teacher self-efficacy serves as a mediating factor in these connections (Fang & Qi, 2023; Zakariya, 2020). A study involving 3951 teachers in Norway revealed that a positive school climate can enhance teachers' self-efficacy, subsequently influencing their perceived job satisfaction (Zakariya, 2020). Additionally, findings from a representative sample of 51,782 primary school teachers from 15 countries using the publicly available TALIS 2018 database confirmed similar trends (I. G. Katsantonis, 2020). Enhanced job satisfaction often stems from teachers feeling competent and effective in their responsibilities, strengthening the link between supportive school climate and job satisfaction (Baluyos et al., 2019; Fang & Qi, 2023). Moreover, we anticipate that work engagement mediates the relationship between school climate and teacher job satisfaction. This proposition is supported by a prior study involving 432 teachers in Israel, which highlighted the mediating role of work engagement is observed when the quality of internal services is high, enabling teachers to align with the motivating factors of the service climate (Eldor & Shoshani, 2017; Fang & Qi, 2023).

This study aims to conduct a comprehensive investigation of the relationships among school climate, teacher job satisfaction, teacher self-efficacy, and work engagement. Specifically, the study seeks toize the direct impact of school climate on teachers' job satisfaction levels. Furthermore, it aims to explore the mediating role of teachers' self-efficacy and work engagement in moderating the relationship between school climate and teacher job satisfaction. Therefore, this research endeavors to provide deeper insights into how factors within the school environment, such as school climate, can influence teacher job satisfaction. Moreover, by considering the influence of teachers' self-efficacy and work engagement, the study also aims to elucidate the internal mechanisms that may mediate or moderate the influence of school climate on teachers' job satisfaction. While numerous studies have explored the link between school climate and job satisfaction, few have delved into the mediating effects of teacher self-efficacy and work engagement, particularly within Indonesian educational institutions.

The urgency of this study lies in comprehending the significance of school climate concerning job satisfaction among teachers, with a specific focus on how teachers' self-efficacy and work engagement mediate this relationship. This research fills critical knowledge gaps by delving into the interplay of these factors, elucidating how enhancing school climate can positively influence teacher satisfaction and overall educational outcomes. The outcomes of this research can serve as a valuable resource for education policymakers in enhancing teacher job satisfaction by thoroughly addressing the influencing factors.

2. METHOD

A cross-sectional survey research design was utilized, involving 208 senior high school teachers from 18 sub-districts in Kerinci District, Jambi Province, Indonesia. Convenience sampling was employed as the sampling technique. Data collection took place within a one-month period in April 2024 through a questionnaire distributed via Google Forms to ensure accessibility. The survey was anonymous, with respondents not required to disclose their true identities (Federkeil et al., 2020; Hunsaker, 2021). Upon receiving the survey link through social media, respondents indicated their willingness to participate, followed by providing basic demographic information (age, years of service, teacher status, education level) before completing the research scale, estimated to take approximately ten minutes. Table 1 illustrates the characteristic of respondent

Characteristic	Category	Frequency	Percentage
Gender	Male	85	44.13
	Female	123	59.13
Age	< 30	38	18.27
-	31 - 40	89	42.79
	41 – 50	56	26.92
	> 50	25	12.02

Table 1. Characteristic of Respondents

Characteristic	Category	Frequency	Percentage
Years of Service	< 5 Years	26	12.50
	5 – 10 Years	46	22.12
	11 – 15 Years	64	30.77
	16 – 20 Years	34	16.35
	21 – 25 Years	21	10.10
	> 25 Years	17	8.17
Educational Level	Bachelor's Degree	164	78.85
	Master's Degree	44	21.15
Teacher Status	Civil Servant	134	64.62
	Contractual	74	35.58

Base on Table 1, the survey comprised predominantly female teachers (123 individuals, 59.13%) and male teachers (85 individuals, 44.13%). The majority fell within the 31-40 age group, with 89 participants (42.79%), followed by 41-50-year-olds (56 participants, 26.92%), < 30 years (38 participants, 18.27%), and > 50 years (25 participants, 12.50%). Regarding years of service, the most represented category was 11-15 years, with 64 participants (30.77%), while the fewest were teachers with over 25 years of experience, numbering only 17 individuals (8.17%). An analysis of age and years of service relationships is apparent. In terms of education level, the majority held undergraduate degrees (164 teachers, 78.85%), compared to those with graduate degrees (44 teachers, 21.15%). Similarly, the distribution of teacher status showed a higher number of state civil apparatus (134 individuals, 64.62%) compared to honorary teachers (74 individuals, 35.58%).

The researcher utilized four research scales in data collection. The Minnesota Satisfaction Questionnaire (MSQ) was adapted for this study to gather data on teacher job satisfaction. This instrument gauges job satisfaction utilizing a five-point Likert scale ranging from dissatisfied to very. It encompasses 20 dimensions such as ability utilization, achievement, activity, advancement, authority, company policy, compensation, colleagues, creativity, independence, moral values, recognition, responsibility, security, social status, social services, supervision, technical guidance, variety, and working conditions (Aziri, 2011; Bledsoe & Brown, 1977; Buitendach & Rothmann, 2009; Weiss et al., 1967). Reliability testing yielded scores between 0.97 and 0.59. Stability assessments showed coefficients of 0.66-0.91 within a week and 0.35-0.71 within a year (Weiss et al., 1967). Internal consistency testing produced a Cronbach's Alpha value of 0.865. Second, the School Climate Survey: School Personnel was modified to evaluate school climate from teachers' viewpoints. This scale offers insights into staff perceptions across six domains: staff connectedness, learning structures, school safety, physical environment, peer/adult relationships, and parental involvement.

Comprising 29 items rated on a 4-point scale from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, with one item (14) reverse-coded, the scale demonstrated a satisfactory internal consistency of 0.870. Furthermore, the researcher adapted the Teacher Self-Efficacy Scale (TSE) to collect data on teacher self-efficacy (Caprara et al., 2003). This scale assesses teachers' confidence in managing and influencing student learning outcomes, comprising three factors: TSE for instructional strategies, TSE for student engagement, and TSE for classroom management. Each factor includes four items, making a total of 12 items rated on a 7-point Likert scale (ranging from 1 = strongly disagree to = strongly agree). The scale demonstrated good internal consistency ($\alpha = 0.895$). Finally, a short version of the Utrecht Work Engagement Scale (UWES-9) was utilized to collect data on teacher engagement. This tool measures an individual's level of work engagement, reflecting a positive psychological state characterized by emotional, cognitive, and behavioral involvement in work (Schaufeli et al., 2006). Comprising 9 items across three dimensions: vigor, dedication, and absorption, it employs a 6-point Likert scale (0 = never, 1 = almost never, 2 = rarely, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often, 5 = very often, and 6 = always) (Schaufeli et al., 2006). The UWES-9 demonstrates sound psychometric properties and is suitable for studies on positive organizational behavior, exhibiting strong internal consistency (Cronbach's Alpha = 0.901). The grids of all instruments are presented in Table 2.

Scale		Dimensions		
Minnesota Satisfaction Questionnaire (MSQ)	1.	Ability Utilization		
	2.	Achievement		
	3.	Activity		
	4.	Advancement		
	5.	Authority		
	6.	Company Policies		

Tabel 2. The Instrument Grids

Scale	Dimensions			
	7. Compensation			
	8. Co-workers			
	9. Creativity			
	10. Independence			
	11. Moral Values			
	12. Recognition			
	13. Responsibility			
	14. Security			
	15. Social Status			
	16. Social Service			
	17. SupervisionHuman Relations			
	18. SupervisionTechnical			
	19. Variety			
	20. Working Conditions			
School Climate Survey: School Personnel	1. Staff Connections			
	2. Structure for Learning			
	3. School Safety			
	4. Physical Environment			
	5. Peer and Adult Relations			
	6. Parent Involvement			
Teachers' Self-Efficacy Scale	1. Self-efficacy for instructional strategies			
	2. Self-efficacy for student engagement			
	3. Self-efficacy for classroom management			
Utrecht Work Engagement shortened version	1. Vigor Scale			
(UWES-9)	2. Dedication Scale			
	3. Absorption Scale			

This study employed Partial Least Squares Structural Equation Modeling (PLS-SEM) for data analysis. PLS-SEM is utilized to assess intricate conceptual models by examining relationships between latent variables (not directly measured) and manifest variables (measured) (Hair et al., 2017). The analysis involves both the inner and outer models, where the outer model focuses the relationship between manifest and latent variables as posited in the model. Factor loadings above 0.7 are retained, although values within the 0.4 - 0.7 range may be considered if composite reliability exceeds the recommended threshold. Additionally, Cronbach's Alpha, CR, and AVE values are expected to be > 0.5 for reliability. Discriminant validity is assessed using HTMT (Heterotrait-Monotrait Ratio of Correlations) with a tolerance value < 0.9. Hypothesis testing is conducted using the bootstrapping method to derive confidence intervals and determine statistical significance for path coefficients (Hair et al., 2017).

3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Result

Measurement Model

In Partial Least Squares Structural Equation Modeling (PLS-SEM), the measurement model validates manifest variables as suitable indicators of the represented latent variables. Internal consistency in PLS-SEM is assessed through Cronbach's Alpha (CA) and Composite Reliability (CR) values as show in Table 3.

Variables	СА	CR	AVE
Job Satisfaction	0.865	0.868	0.599
School Climate	0.870	0.872	0.548
Teacher's Self-Efficacy	0.895	0.812	0.512
Work Engagement	0.901	0.920	0.561

Table 3. Cronbach's Alpha (CA), Composite Reliability (CR), and AVE

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As shown in Table 3, a CA value falling within the 0.7 - 0.9 range is considered satisfactory. Moreover, a CR value exceeding 0.6 indicates strong internal consistency reliability. Convergent validity is gauged by the Average Variance Extracted (AVE) value, with a value > 0.5 deemed acceptable. Additionally, all factor loadings surpassing 0.6 signify that the manifest variables effectively reflect the latent variables anticipated in the model. Heterotrait-monotrait ratio is show in Table 4.

Table 4. Heterotrait-Monotrait Ratio (HTMT)

Variables	Job Satisfaction	School Climate	Teacher Self- Efficacy	Work Enggagement
Job Satisfaction				
School Climate	0.669			
Teacher Self-Efficacy	0.659	0.546		
Work Engagement	0.642	0.558	0.591	

Base on Table 4, discriminant validity is assessed through HTMT (Heterotrait-Monotrait Ratio Correlations) and the Fornell-Larcker Criterion, determining the degree to which distinct constructs truly differ from one another. Measurement utilizing HTMT indicates favorable discriminant validity when values are < 0.9. Discriminant validity is also evaluated using the Fornell-Larcker Criterion, which compares the square of the factor loading for each construct variable with the correlation between constructs as show in Table 5.

Table 5. Fornell-Larcker Criterion

Variables	Job Satisfaction	School Climate	Teacher Self- Efficacy	Work Engagement
Job Satisfaction	0.774			
School Climate	0.650	0.740		
Teacher Self-Efficacy	0.616	0.510	0.682	
Work Engagement	0.601	0.523	0.533	0.749

Base on Table 5 demonstrates that the squared factor loading exceeds the correlation with other variables, meeting the Fornell-Larcker criterion for discriminant validity.

Structural Model

Evaluation of the inner model in PLS-SEM involves assessing the relationships between latent variables within the model. As presented in Table 6, all tested hypotheses are deemed acceptable.

Table 6. Direct and Indirect Effects Among Variables

Path	Path Coefficient	T-Statistics	P-Values	Decisions
School Climate> Job Satisfaction	0.368	4.645	0.000	Supported
School Climate> Teacher Self-Efficacy	0.510	9.523	0.000	Supported
School Climate> Work Engagement	0.523	9.063	0.000	Supported
Teachers' Self-Efficacy -> Job Satisfaction	0.294	4.180	0.000	Supported
Work Engagement -> Job Satisfaction	0.252	3.067	0.002	Supported
School Climate> Teachers' Self-Efficacy - > Job Satisfaction	0.150	3.403	0.001	Supported
School Climate> Work Engagement -> Job Satisfaction	0.132	2.621	0.009	Supported

Base on Table 6, notably, there exists a significant direct impact of school climate on job satisfaction ($\beta = 0.368$, p < 0.001), teachers' self-efficacy ($\beta = 0.510$, p < 0.001), and work engagement ($\beta = 0.523$, p < 0.001). Additionally, significant associations were observed between teachers' self-efficacy and job satisfaction ($\beta = 0.294$, p < 0.001), as well as between work engagement and job satisfaction ($\beta = 0.252$, p < 0.001). Furthermore, our analysis revealed that teachers' self-efficacy mediates the relationship between school climate and job satisfaction significantly ($\beta = 0.150$, p < 0.01), and work engagement serves as a mediator between these relationships ($\beta = 0.132$, p < 0.01). Summary of the relationship between variables is show in Figure 1.

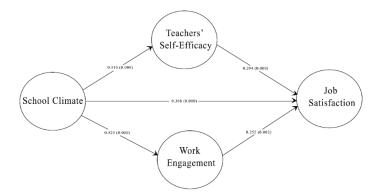


Figure 1. Summary of the Relationship Between Variables

Discussion

Teacher job satisfaction remains a pertinent topic of discussion, given its substantial impact across various domains, notably performance. It denotes a positive emotional state and perception among educators in the educational milieu (Inayat & Jahanzeb Khan, 2021; Toropova et al., 2020). Beyond enhancing classroom teaching quality, teacher job satisfaction significantly influences teacher retention, motivation, and overall well-being. Satisfied teachers often exhibit enhanced instructional delivery, heightened motivation, and a steadfast commitment to creating enriching environments for students (Capone & Petrillo, 2020; Skaalvik & Skaalvik, 2020). Moreover, job satisfaction correlates with prolonged professional tenure, mitigating turnover rates and reinforcing institutional stability within educational settings. Our hypothesis testing has revealed a significant positive correlation between school climate and teacher job satisfaction. A supportive school climate, underpinned by effective leadership and robust school management, can enhance teacher job satisfaction. Factors such as staff relationships, learning structures, school safety, physical environment, parental involvement, and adult-student interactions appear to positively impact teachers' emotional engagement with their work. Numerous studies have underscored the favorable influence of a conducive school climate on teacher job satisfaction, performance, motivation, and overall well-being (Capone & Petrillo, 2020; Nalipay, 2023).

Moreover, research has highlighted a direct positive influence of school climate on teacher selfefficacy, subsequently affecting job satisfaction (I. G. Katsantonis, 2020). Other study found that teacher job satisfaction factors, particularly related to the general and work environment, were linked to the disciplinary climate perceived by students, with work environment satisfaction also correlating with student achievement for both teachers and principals (Dicke et al., 2020). Additionally, other study demonstrated a significant connection between school working conditions and teacher job satisfaction, with teacher workload, cooperation, and perceptions of student discipline emerging as key factors influencing job satisfaction (Toropova et al., 2020). Furthermore, principal support and teacher cooperation have been identified as predictors of teacher job satisfaction. Principals' perceived distributed and instructional leadership styles can further enhance teacher job satisfaction (Bellibas & Liu, 2018; Olsen & Huang, 2019). The combined impact of incentives and school climate on teacher job satisfaction has also been emphasized, highlighting the role of a positive school climate in fostering teacher satisfaction (Julidawati et al., 2023; Zakariya, 2020).

The hypotheses we examined have evidenced that teachers' self-efficacy is a predictor of job satisfaction. This indicates that teachers' confidence in their capacity to tackle challenges and achieve goals within the teaching realm significantly impacts their job satisfaction. Prior research consistently demonstrates a positive association between teachers' self-eacy and their job satisfaction (Bicer, 2023; Khan & Gupta, 2024). A study involving 528 lecturers in Azerbaijan and Turkey, employing mixed methods, revealed that teachers' self-efficacy stood out as the most influential predictor of job satisfaction (Rhoades & Eisenberger, 2002; Saepudin & Djati, 2019). Qualitative findings suggest that contextual elements like university climate and peer relationships play a role in shaping job satisfaction.

Elevated levels of self-efficacy empower teachers to effectively navigate classroom challenges, ultimately enhancing job satisfaction. Teachers who perceive themselves as proficient in their profession are likely to harbor strong self-efficacy beliefs, which positively impact their job satisfaction (Kasalak & Dağyar, 2020; Khan & Gupta, 2024). Previous study conducted a study indicating that self-efficacy, promotion opportunities, positive student behavior, and working conditions significantly influence job satisfaction (Ortan et al., 2021). These factors contribute to job satisfaction and well-being in the teaching field, fostering a positive work environment conducive to teacher and student thriving, thereby promoting

heightened engagement from teachers, students, and parents. Previous research underscores the pivotal role of teachers' confidence in their instructional capabilities, underscoring the substantial impact of teaching self-efficacy on job satisfaction (Ortan et al., 2021).

This study also uncovered that teachers' job satisfaction is influenced by work engagement. Work engagement, denoting teachers' level of dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to their work, significantly impacts their job satisfaction. This finding aligns with previous research. Studies have indicated a direct positive correlation between job satisfaction and work engagement (Zang & Feng, 2023). Moreover, research has demonstrated that work engagement is a positive predictor of job satisfaction among school teachers (Li et al., 2015; Mérida-López et al., 2020). Employees who exhibit emotional, cognitive, and behavioral engagement in their work tend to display heightened motivation and dedication. This fosters increased job satisfaction as they feel a strong sense of connection to their roles and responsibilities. An examination involving 80 employees employing a regression model revealed that employee engagement influences both intrinsic and extrinsic job satisfaction (Kim-Soon & Manikayasagam, 2015; Pura, 2022). Similarly, a study conducted on employees in the banking sector in India found that job satisfaction can be predicted by work engagement (Shah, 2021). Elevated levels of work engagement can enhance teacher performance and cultivate a positive sense of accomplishment. Teachers who are fully engaged in their work often achieve superior outcomes, thereby boosting job satisfaction.

The hypothesis testing conducted in this study further demonstrated that school climate exerts a significant impact on teachers' self-efficacy and work engagement. A positive school climate can notably influence teachers' self-efficacy, reflecting their belief in overcoming challenges and achieving educational goals. Research involving 781 teachers in Western Australia, utilizing structural equation modeling, revealed connections between teacher self-efficacy, job satisfaction, and dimensions of school climate, emphasizing the interplay between teacher self-efficacy and job satisfaction (Aldridge & Fraser, 2016; Song et al., 2018). Similarly, other study found a robust positive relationship between school climate and the self-efficacy of sixth-grade teachers, with social and academic dimensions making substantial contributions to teacher self-efficacy (Mansor et al., 2021). Other study highlighted that school environment and mastery experiences significantly predicted teacher self-efficacy (Wilson et al., 2018). Previous study reinforced this by indicating that a supportive school climate positively influences teacher self-efficacy (H. Liu & Wang, 2019).

Moreover, our study demonstrated that a positive school climate can significantly impact work engagement. Numerous prior studies support this assertion. Research has shown that school climate is a crucial factor in enhancing engagement in school activities (Lombardi et al., 2019). Another study indicated that a favorable school climate contributes differently to behavioral, cognitive, and emotional engagement (Sujisha & Manikandan, 2014). Collectively, these findings underscore the pivotal role of a supportive and positive school climate in influencing teachers' work engagement (Rosyanti et al., 2021).

In the realm of mediating effects, teachers' self-efficacy can function as a mediator in the relationship between school climate and teachers' job satisfaction. A positive school climate enhances teachers' self-efficacy, subsequently boosting their job satisfaction. This discovery aligns with findings from various previous studies. Teachers' self-efficacy as a mediating factor between school climate and job satisfaction (I. Katsantonis, 2019; Zakariya, 2020). Previous study explored the mediating role of teachers' self-efficacy in the correlation between school climate and teachers' job satisfaction; however, Indonesia was not among the 15 countries considered (Grazia & Molinari, 2021). Moreover, some of the measurement dimensions employed differed from those utilized in the author's research. A positive school climate fosters a supportive, collaborative, and motivating environment for teachers, empowering them to tackle challenges effectively and achieve educational objectives. Teachers who feel supported and valued typically exhibit higher levels of self-efficacy. Elevated self-efficacy levels often correspond to increased job satisfaction among teachers (Ismayilova & Klassen, 2019; Kasalak & Dağyar, 2020; Mérida-López et al., 2020). Strong self-efficacy can enhance teachers' perceptions of accomplishment, their contributions, and personal fulfillment in fulfilling their educational responsibilities (Granziera & Perera, 2019; Ma & Marion, 2019).

Furthermore, our study confirmed the significance of work engagement as a mediator in the correlation between school climate and teacher job satisfaction. A positive school climate can enhance teacher work engagement, with teachers responding with increased enthusiasm, commitment, and dedication when they feel supported and valued (Abun et al., 2021; Honig & Rainey, 2019; Lombardi et al., 2019). Heightened levels of engagement can yield feelings of accomplishment, fulfillment, and satisfaction in executing educational responsibilities. This aligns with the findings who demonstrated that the relationship between school climate and job satisfaction was mediated by work engagement (Eldor & Shoshani, 2017). The mediating role of work engagement in the association between school climate and teacher job satisfaction involves the positive impact of school climate in boosting work engagement, thereby reinforcing teachers' connection to their work, enhancing motivation, and ultimately elevating overall job

satisfaction levels. Other study also discussed how employee engagement mediates the relationship between perceived learning climate and extra-role performance behaviors, highlighting engagement's mediating function in organizational outcomes (Eldor & Harpaz, 2015). However, Eldor & Harpaz's study focused on employees in general, rather than specifically addressing these conditions within the school environment, unlike the researcher's study. By utilizing dimensions from the measurement of school organizational climate, the researcher investigated the indirect impact on job satisfaction through teacher engagement as a mediator. By cultivating a positive school climate that fosters work engagement, educational institutions can enhance teachers' overall job satisfaction and well-being.

This study has several limitations. The sample of 208 high school teachers was selected using convenience sampling, limiting the generalizability of the results to broader school contexts. Additionally, the study focused on four research variables, incorporating two mediating variables (teachers' self-efficacy and work engagement) between school climate and job satisfaction, potentially overlooking other influential factors. Future research could develop a more intricate structural model by considering additional variables. Furthermore, the study was cross-sectional, restricting the ability to track changes over time. Future studies could benefit from longitudinal approaches for more comprehensive insights. Lastly, all variables were assessed via self-reports conducted online, introducing the possibility of bias. Future research should employ more sophisticated research methodologies and measurement techniques to enhance the robustness of findings.

Despite its limitations, this study holds theoretical and practical implications for enhancing teachers' job satisfaction, thereby improving performance. Theoretically, it contributes to a deeper understanding of the intricate dynamics among school climate, teacher self-efficacy work engagement, and job satisfaction, enriching educational management and organizational psychology literature. The findings offer fresh insights into the intricate interplay among school climate factors, self-efficacy, work engagement, and teacher job satisfaction. They have the potential to enhance current theories in education management by recognizing individual psychological factors as crucial mediators in comprehending the nuances of the school environment. This study contributes to the development of a more comprehensive framework in education management that goes beyond external elements like school climate, incorporating internal individual factors such as self-efficacy and work engagement as essential components for advancing teacher job satisfaction. On a practical, the study advocates for the formulation of school policies that prioritize cultivating a conducive school climate to enhance teachers' self-efficacy and work engagement, ultimately boosting job satisfaction. Implementing human resource management strategies that promote teachers' self-efficacy and work engagement, such as recognition, support, and career development, is crucial for enhancing job satisfaction and retention among educators. Comprehending and managing these factors can assist school leaders and policymakers in cultivating a work environment that nurtures, motivates, and boosts teacher performance, thereby enhancing the overall quality of education in educational institutions.

4. CONCLUSION

This study investigated the mediating roles of teachers' self-efficacy and work engagement in the correlation between school climate and job satisfaction. The results confirm that teachers' self-efficacy and work engagement mediate the link between school climate and job satisfaction. A positive school climate boosts teachers' confidence, shaping their perceptions of the work environment and performance, consequently influencing job satisfaction. Additionally, a favorable school climate enhances teachers' work engagement, fostering satisfaction in fulfilling their tasks within the school environment. Emphasizing that teachers' self-efficacy and work engagement serve as mediators between school climate and job satisfaction offers a comprehensive insight into the intricate dynamics within educational settings. The results indicate that teachers' views of the school environment and their self-efficacy play a direct role in shaping their job satisfaction. Contented teachers typically exhibit enhanced performance, contribute to a positive learning environment, and consequently, enhance overall educational outcomes.

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