ANALYSIS OF THE IDEAS OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES "PS" IN INCREASING THE NUMBER OF EXCELLENT SCHOOL IN THE 3 T REGION

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Abstract

The policy idea of increasing the number of superior schools in 3T areas has the good aim of equalizing education and creating golden generations in the future. However, this idea has a number of threats and challenges that must be faced, including the amount of the budget, the readiness of teaching staff, and the readiness of the local community. If these threats and challenges are not faced properly, it will create an unsustainable project. This research aims to analyze these policy ideas. This research is qualitative research with a descriptive approach that uses secondary data obtained from books, trusted websites, and indexed scientific articles. The data used was analyzed using the stages of data collection, data selection, data reduction, and drawing conclusions.

Keywords: Idea, Excellent School, 3T Region

1. INTRODUCTION

Education is a process that is necessary to achieve balance and perfection in the development of individuals and society. According to Ki Hajar Dewantara, education is a means of helping or helping everyone to be able to live their life well. Apart from that, you can also determine life goals according to your needs and become an independent person. But behind the educational process there are also problems that arise. Education is a big issue that concerns the fate and future of the nation and state(Ahmad Zarkasyi, 2016).

(Lestari, 2017) explained that education is also a determinant of the direction in which this nation will be taken. If the direction of education is correct and the process is straight and scientific, then the nation can be assured that it will be advanced, wise, fair, prosperous and civilized. Apart from that (Idrus, 2012) There are two factors that can explain why efforts to improve the quality of education so far have been lacking or unsuccessful. Firstly, the educational development strategy so far has been more input oriented. Second, education management has so far been more macro-oriented, regulated by bureaucratic ranks at the central level. As a result, many factors projected at the macro (central) level do not occur or do not work as they should at the micro (school) level(Dirangga et al., 2021).

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the fact that global competition in the modern world cannot possibly be separated from serious attention to the quality of education. Therefore, there is no choice for us that if we want to progress, not be left behind by others, and continue to exist in all fields, we must seriously pay attention to progress in the quality of education. The quality of education must be upheld and supported by supporting instruments. What is meant by instruments in research is improving the qualities of superior schools, especially in 3 t areas(Widjaja, 2020).

The term "Excellent School" was first introduced by former Minister of Education and Culture (Mendikbud) Wardiman Djojonegoro, in 1994. The term superior school was born from a far-reaching vision into the future, where it was hoped that students at this superior school would be able to excel in regional, national and international levels(Mustaqim, 2016). Darmaningtyas, in his book "Poor Education" tries to reveal the fact that the Minister's program at that time was almost all only "state schools, perhaps more because of political considerations, namely economically, the financing of state schools was borne by the government so that the government has full authority to regulate and control it." However, in the end this succeeded in stimulating non-state schools to improve the quality of their education by creating superior schools(Mujtahid, 2017).

A superior school is a school that is able to bring every student to achieve their abilities in a measurable manner and can be demonstrated through their achievements. Drs. Abdul Hadis said that a Flagship School can be defined as a quality school. However, in my application, even in the application of all groups, the superior category implies expectations regarding what students can expect to have after leaving superior schools. "This hope is none other than very important and really needed by students' parents, government, society, and even by the students themselves, namely the extent to which the school's output has intellectual, moral and skill abilities that can be useful for society." Therefore, superior schools are schools that focus on the quality of the learning process, not on the quality of student input. The quality of the learning process depends on the quality of the teachers working at the school. If the quality of the teachers at the school is good, they will act as agents of change for their students, and emphasize the independence and creativity of the school which focuses on improving the education process(Darmaningtyas, 2004).

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least caused by (1) differences in the socio-economic levels of society; (2) Differences in educational facilities; (3) School distribution is uneven; (4) Entrance score to a school with high standards; (5) Rayonization. It must be acknowledged that because the community's economic level is low, the opportunities to gain access to education will become increasingly smaller. Of course, this is different from those who have a high ability to pay, who can choose the model and type of education they like. Not only regular schools, but international standard schools can be obtained easily. So that is where the presence of the state is needed so that there can be equal distribution of education(Situmorang & Ayustia, 2019).

However, this policy has a number of challenges and threats, especially regarding the quality of teaching staff, the budget spent, the potential for sustainability and the readiness of the local community to accept the programs proposed by the Ministry in the future. In this research, the researcher is not related or has any relationship with the Presidential Candidate in question, this research is also impartial and intends to vilify any party. This research originates purely from the researcher's interest in the ideas offered for analysis using the SWOT method.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

Substantively, increasing the number of superior schools in the 3T areas could be the answer to the problem of equal distribution of education in the 3T areas which is hampered by economic problems(Lexy J. Moleong, 2014). However, if implemented now, this policy will have a number of challenges, including the budget spent, the quality of the teaching staff, the sustainability of the school and the readiness of the local community to accept the programs offered(Lexy J. Moleong, 2018). This research is qualitative research with a descriptive approach, namely describing policy ideas for increasing the number of superior schools in the 3T area, whether they can be implemented, what the advantages are, and what the challenges are(Manzilati, 2017). The data used in this research is secondary data obtained from trusted websites, cited scientific articles, books, and other things that are commonplace in every research. This data was collected using the library method. The data in this research was analyzed using the SWOT method(Jonathan Sarwono, 2016).

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Superior School and Region 3T

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SWOT Analysis of the Policy for Adding Superior Schools in the 3T Region

Table 1 SWOT Analysis

Strenght	Weakness	Oportunity	Threat
In line with the	Requires a large	Can help in creating a	Potentially cannot be
current government	budget	Golden Indonesia in	run efficiently
program and any		the future. Indonesia's	
CAPRES regarding		education is not	
educational equality		evenly distributed	
Required by many	Indonesia has many	Can help in creating a	Potentially creates
countries and	other development	Golden Indonesia in	stalled projects
audiences	priorities	the future. Indonesia's	
		education is not	
		evenly distributed	
	Availability of	Can help in creating a	Doesn't have long
	teaching staff and	Golden Indonesia in	continuity
	local communities to	the future. Indonesia's	
	accept the program to	education is not	
	be implemented	evenly distributed	

4. CONCLUSION

Based on the results of the presentation and analysis above, it can be concluded that the Policy Idea for Increasing the Number of Leading Schools in 3T areas is in principle good to implement and has big benefits for the country if it creates equal distribution of education and golden generations in the future. However, implementing this is not as easy as saying it, there are a number of challenges faced such as large budgets, state development priorities, mounting debts, and the readiness of teaching staff and local communities. If this cannot be dealt with, it will create stalled and potentially unsustainable projects.

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