## The Nature of Leadership

Part 1

A Conversation About Theories Informing Effective Leadership

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## The Study of Leadership

What is it that a leader adds to a group to make it effective?

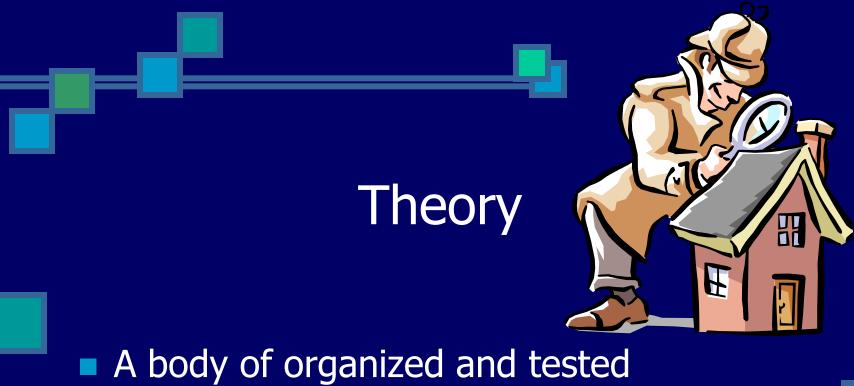


What can a leader do to help improve the performance of followers?

### The Theoretical Base

 The behavior of professionals is guided by a solid theoretical base.

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A body of organized and tested knowledge

A statement that explains some phenomena in a systematic way



### Theory

 A set of interrelated constructs that provide a systematic view of phenomena, explaining the relations among variables, and predicting probable outcomes

## Ways of Studying Leadership

- Traits
- Behavior
- Contingency
- Situational



## Some Major Theories Informing Leadership

- Organizational Theories
- Leadership Theories
- Motivational Theories
- Contemporary Theories



## Organizational Theories

- Classical
- Human Relations
- Social Systems
- Open Systems



### Leadership Theories

Theory X Theory Y

Trait Theories

Behavior Theories



### Leadership Theories

Contingency Theories

Transformational and Charismatic Theories

Self Leadership Theories

### **Motivational Theories**

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

Herzberg's Two-Factor Theory

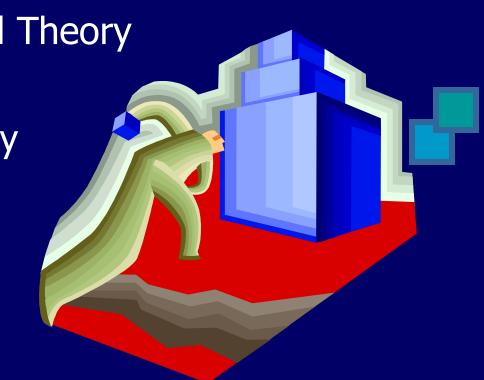


### **Motivational Theories**

House's Path-Goal Theory

Expectancy Theory

Equity Theory



## Major Leadership Processes



### Major Leadership Processes

- Leadership
- Decision Making
- Communication



Conflict Management

Change



## Organizational Theories Informing Leadership



### Classical Organizational Theory

- Division of Labor
- Span of Control
- Formal Rules
- Goal Definition
- Extrinsic Rewards
- Hierarchy

### Beliefs of the Classical Theorists

- Bureaucratic Structure
- Organizational Control
- Scientific Management
- Efficient Behavior
- Disciplined Behavior

## Classical Organizational Theory

Organizational thought:

- Scientific Management Frederick Taylor
- Administrative Management Henri Fayol
- The Bureaucratic structure Max Weber

### Scientific Management

Management of Work and Worker

Frederick W. Taylor, the Father of Scientific Management 1800s

# Taylor's Four Principles of Scientific Management

- Scientific Job Analysis
- Selection of Personnel
- Management Cooperation
- Functional Supervision



## Scientific Management

**Key Principles** 

Identify "the one best way" of doing a job

Develop workers to function in that manner

## Administrative Management

Henri Fayol 1920

### Management Functions Structuring the Organization

#### Henri Fayol's Management Functions:

- Planning
- Organizing
- Commanding
- Coordinating
- Controlling



### Management Principles

Henri Fayol's Management Principles:

- Division of work
- Authority
- Discipline
- Unity of command
- Unity of direction



### Management Principles

#### Henri Fayol's Management Principles:

- Subordination of individual interest
- Remuneration
- Centralization
- Scalar chain
- Stability of personnel

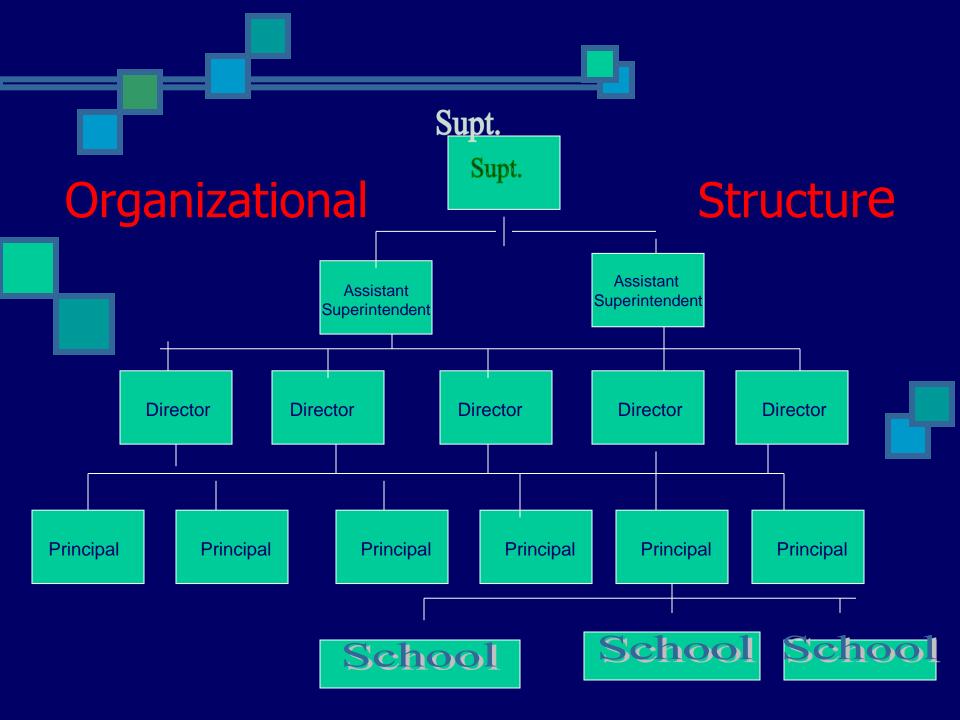
### Management Principles

Henri Fayol's Management Principles:

- Esprit de corps
- Order
- Equity
- Initiative

#### Weber's Bureaucratic Structure

- Hierarchical structure
- Division of labor
- Control by rules
- Impersonal relationships
- Career orientation



Classical organizational theorists sought to identify and describe a set of fixed principles (rules) that would establish the basis for management.

Classic theorists believed that an application of the bureaucratic structure and processes of organizational control would promote rational, efficient, and disciplined behavior, making possible the achievement of well-defined goals.

Efficiency is achieved by arranging positions within an organization according to hierarchy and jurisdiction and by placing power at the top of a clear chain of command.

Scientific procedures are used to determine the best way of performing a task, and then rules are written that require workers to perform in a prescribed manner. Experts are hired for defined roles and are grouped according to task specialization.

## Principles of Classical Theory in Today's Schools

- Hierarchy
- Unit of Command

Span of Control

### The Classical School Leader

- Goes by the book.
- Runs a tight ship.
- Insists on disciplined obedience to policy.

#### The Classical School Leader

- Believes in the chain of command.
- Considers himself/herself to have ultimate authority and responsibility over everything in the school.
- Focuses on tasks and gives little attention to the individual or groups in the school.

#### The Classical School Leader

Places great emphasis on formal organizational structure.

Views people as fitting into the structure.

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Chapter 2

### **Human Relations Theory**

A focus on the needs of the workers 1920s-1930s



From these studies came the idea that worker output was affected by numerous variables.

#### **Variables**

- The manner in which workers were treated
- How they felt about their work
- How they felt about coworkers and their bosses
- What happened outside of work

The attention the workers received in the experiment, rather than the varied work conditions, caused them to work harder.



Consideration had to be given to the worker and the norms of the work group to which

he/she belonged.

# A Summary of Human Relations Theory

- Individuals are involved in the work.
- There is a team orientation.

Individuals are mentored.



# A Summary of Human Relations Theory

- There is a commitment.
- Consideration is given to morale.
- There is a focus on participation, cohesion, and consensus building.

# The School Leader with a Human Relations Perspective

Is aware of the norms of groups in the schoolhouse.

Is considerate of the social needs of individuals.

# The School Leader with a Human Relations Perspective

Seeks the ideas of individuals regarding work issues.

 Takes into consideration the feelings and attitudes of individuals.

### Social Systems Theory



#### A System

A system is a set of interrelated elements that functions as a unit for a specific purpose.

These elements interact with the environment almost as a living creature does.

- Inputs
- Transformation Process
- Outputs
- Feedback
- Environment





The human, material, financial, or information resources used to produce a product or service

Transformation Process

The interaction between and among the parts







Outputs

The products and/or services produced



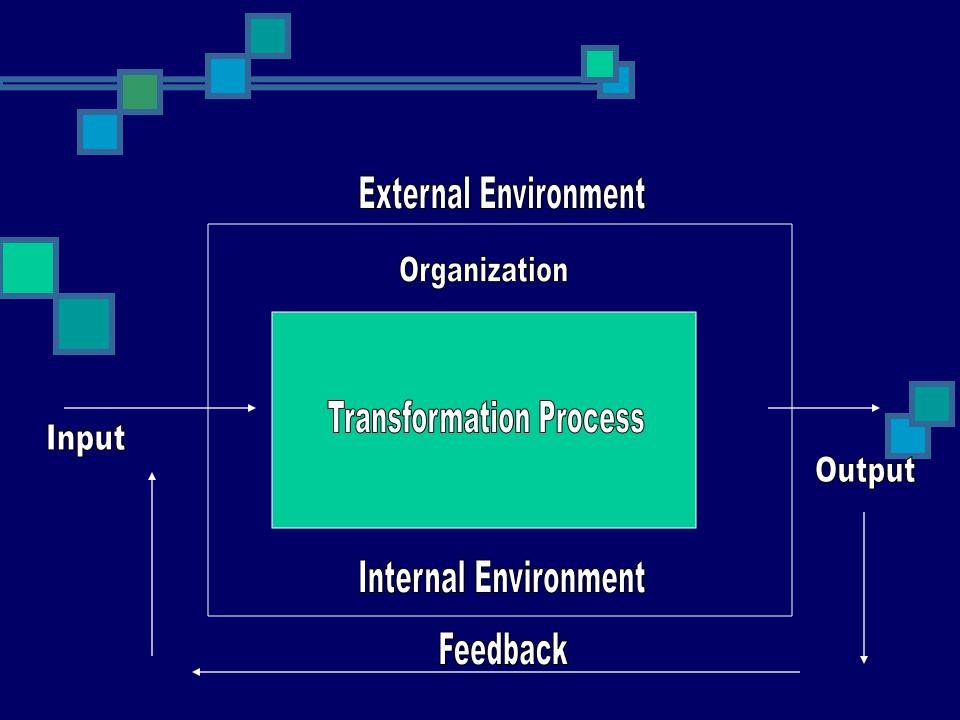


Feedback

Information concerning the outputs or the transformation process of the organization that influence decision making and the selection of inputs during the next cycle

Environment

The area surrounding the organization including the social, political, and economic forces that impinge on the organization



#### Social Interaction in Organizations

- Individual Behavior
- Group Behavior
- Formal Behavior
- Informal Behavior

### Social Interaction in Organizations

The focus is on the whole, parts, and the relationships among the parts.

All parts of the system are interdependent and subject to influence by any other part.

- Involves the faculty in work decisions.
- Pays attention to the faculty to keep them happy.
- Seeks to work with the faculty to keep them from resisting change.

Considers the content of the job, as well as the leadership process.

Pays attention to the climate of the organization.

Assists the individual in career development.

Considers the whole person as he/she adapts to the work environment.

 Encourages individuals to assume some responsibility for the development of their own careers.

### The Importance of Leadership Behavior

Leadership behavior is guided by:

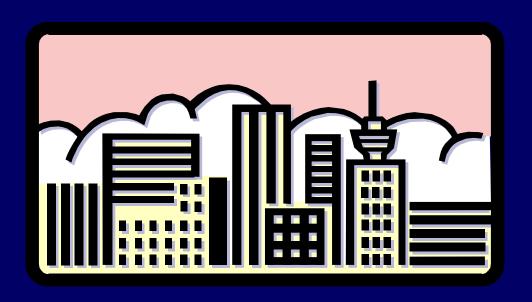
- Standards of Practice.
- Best Practice.

### Key Factors for Educational Leaders

- Explain Behavior
- Predict Behavior

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The organization trades with its environment



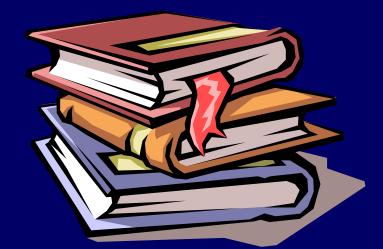
From the environment, the organization receives:

- Human and material resources.
- Values.
- Community expectations.
- Societal demands.



The organization transforms them through a process (Instructional) and exports the products (Graduates) back into the environment with value added.





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