

Selection of a Director for the Department of Primary Education: The Requirements and Selection Process since the Political Party Change and onward. Reporting an Example in the Region of East Macedonia and Thrace.

Abstract:

The Director of the Department of Primary Education is a very important executive officer in the education management and their designation becomes a vital process in its functional operation. The matter of appointing to the Department of Primary Education the appropriate Directors and with an objective method is an issue and requires a very thorough search within the administration of education. The choice as well as the method of selecting the Director of the Department of Primary Education within the institutional system of its country, always poses questions relating to the purpose of the service or even the use of political manipulation and bribing.

Keeping in mind all of the above, the view that the selection process of the executives in education is not neutral and the theory that one study has to be added to what is already known, is attempted through the current research, to be investigated, analyzed, to present comparisons and criteria that must be interpreted, the whole selection procedure for the Directors of the Department of Primary Education since the Political Party change (institution of school superintendent), the commencement of applying the Institution of Directors of Education, from 1982, until the current institution of the new state selection of the Directors of Education.

The findings of this research support that it will constitute an essential tool in the hands of educators and it will contribute in a subjective and honest discussion, for the configuration of a timeless, objective, transparent and meritocratic selection system for the Director of the Department of Primary Education.