Leadership plays a pivotal role in managing educational processes. Managers are required to possess skills in communication, problem-solving, and strategic planning to create an environment conducive to learning. Balancing academic rigor with flexibility enables institutions to adapt to the evolving needs of students and society [2; 3].

The integration of technology has become a transformative force in educational management. Digital tools streamline administrative functions, facilitate data-driven decisions, and enable personalized learning experiences. Moreover, technology supports collaboration among educators, students, and other stakeholders, enhancing the overall effectiveness of the educational process.

A comprehensive and adaptive approach is essential for addressing both current and future demands in education. By adhering to modern management principles and embracing technological advancements, institutions can strengthen their capacity to provide innovative and equitable learning environments. This ensures that educational systems remain relevant and capable of preparing individuals for success in a rapidly changing world.

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FORMATION OF A POSITIVE IMAGE OF A MODERN LEADER

In the contemporary global and digital era, the effectiveness of a leader extends beyond decision-making and strategic competence. A positive leadership image has become essential for building trust, inspiring teams, and fostering organizational success. The development of this image is influenced by a complex interplay of factors, strategies, and tools, which collectively shape public perception and credibility.

The foundation of a leader's image lies in the conditions that define their environment and personal attributes. Personality traits, emotional intelligence, and leadership style are internal factors that significantly impact how a leader is perceived. External conditions, such as organizational culture, societal norms, and public expectations, establish the broader framework within which a leader operates.

These elements collectively create the context for image formation, setting the boundaries for how leadership qualities are expressed and received [1].

Leaders cultivate a positive image through deliberate and consistent behaviors. Transparency in decision-making, effective communication, and the demonstration of values aligned with societal expectations are crucial strategies. In today's interconnected world, the strategic use of digital platforms allows leaders to engage directly with diverse audiences, showcasing authenticity and fostering connections. Actions that emphasize accountability, ethical leadership, and inclusivity further enhance a leader's image.

Practical tools and approaches play a pivotal role in reinforcing a leader's image. Building trust through consistent actions, fostering collaboration within teams, and maintaining a commitment to continuous self-improvement are key methods. Additionally, the quality of interactions with external stakeholders, such as the public, partners, and media, strengthens the leader's reputation. Case studies of exemplary leaders demonstrate how these approaches can successfully build credibility and influence while addressing potential challenges [2].

The formation of a positive leadership image requires a strategic balance of internal qualities, external actions, and adaptive strategies. Modern leaders who embrace these principles are better equipped to navigate complex environments and drive meaningful impact.

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