

APPENDIX II

Letter to Experts for validation of concept of Academic Culture

Date:

To

Subject: Request for your expert opinion and suggestions on the concept 'Academic Culture'

Respected Sir

Greetings for the New Year!

I am pursuing doctoral study titled 'Concept, Nurture and Influence of Academic Culture in School' under the guidance of Prof. N. Pradhan, Head, Department of Educational Administration, Faculty of Education and Psychology, The M S University of Baroda, Vadodara.

As a part of my Ph. D study, I have developed the concept of 'Academic Culture'. As the concept is operationalised, it includes four constructs: freedom, respect, equality and a sense of responsibility. These four constructs have been further delineated with respect to learner, teacher and principal. The delineations thus are as follows: freedom of learner, teacher and principal; equality of learner, teacher and principal; respect for learner, teacher and principal; and a sense of responsibility for the learner, teacher and principal.

I humbly request you to critically examine these to make observations with respect to:

- Comment/observation in general and for the four constructs identified and the three categories of members of school identified.
- Comment on the elaboration of each construct.
- If any other dimension/construct that you feel can be included in the concept of academic culture.

I have enclosed a copy of the concept developed. A self addressed stamped envelope is also enclosed.

I respect your extremely busy schedule and various commitments, yet I humbly request you to critically examine the concept developed by me and send me observations at the earliest.

With humble regards

Yours sincerely,
(Vandana Talegaonkar)