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Whole-School Approach And Holistic Student Development In Citi Global College

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ABSTRACT:

This study examines the implementation of the Whole School Approach (WSA) at Citi Global College and its impact on holistic student development. Addressing challenges like fragmented implementation and integration gaps, it evaluates WSA's effectiveness in fostering cognitive, socio-emotional, and life skills development while assessing its influence on leadership, school environment, and community partnerships.

Using a descriptive-correlational design, data from 80 faculty and 280 students revealed strong WSA implementation but highlighted areas needing improvement, such as parental involvement and real-world skill application. A significant correlation emerged between WSA and student outcomes, particularly in cognitive and life skills. Differences in faculty and student perceptions underscored the need for aligned leadership and greater student participation.

The study proposes a framework to enhance WSA implementation, contributing insights to improve CITI Global College's student development initiatives.

Keywords: Community partnerships, Holistic student development, Leadership, School environment, Whole School Approach

1. THE PROBLEM AND ITS SETTING

In recent years, the landscape of higher education worldwide has undergone a significant transformation, shifting from a purely academic focus to a more comprehensive approach that emphasizes holistic student development. Recent research shows a shift in higher education towards holistic student development, recognizing students as complex individuals whose growth includes intellectual, emotional, social, and physical dimensions (Van der Meer, 2022). While universities are increasingly viewed as contributors to development at various levels, limited academic freedom may hinder their potential (Chankseliani et al., 2020). To address challenges in higher education and promote well-rounded, resilient

graduates, a new scale measuring student well-being has been developed, aligning with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (Khatri et al., 2024).

The importance of holistic student development in higher education cannot be overstated. As the global job market becomes increasingly competitive and complex, employers seek graduates who possess more than just technical knowledge. They value individuals with strong problem-solving abilities, effective communication skills, and the capacity to adapt to rapidly changing environments. Holistic development in education enhances resilience, empathy, and social responsibility, equipping students for diverse challenges in their personal and professional lives (Hartman, 2020). While extracurricular programs and personal-professional development initiatives are vital for fostering these skills, there remains tension between structured curricula and the reliance on teachers' voluntary efforts to support holistic growth (O'Flaherty & McCormack, 2019).

The whole school approach (WSA) has emerged as a comprehensive strategy for student development and education for sustainable development (ESD), integrating developmental goals throughout the educational experience, including curriculum, extracurricular activities, and community engagement (Gleason et al., 2020). This approach is supported by psychological, social, and educational theories and involves multiple stakeholders to drive transformative change, although its implementation varies across contexts (Cavanagh et al., 2024). For instance, while teachers in Sweden's ESD-focused schools report higher quality and coherence, a case study in Denmark shows that the WSA is not well-known or widely used (Mogren et al., 2019).

The whole school approach (WSA) is a collaborative strategy for educational transformation that engages all stakeholders to create a supportive learning environment (Cavanagh et al., 2024). It encompasses key components such as an integrated curriculum, collaborative leadership, and strong community partnerships (Sanders & Galindo, 2022). WSA addresses various issues, including support for students with special educational needs (Cavanagh et al., 2024), education for sustainable development, and the prevention of campus sexual violence (McMahon et al., 2019). Research shows that WSA can positively impact teachers' practices and student outcomes by fostering supportive conditions and promoting educator ownership (Sasaki et al., 2023). However, while studies have explored different stakeholders' perspectives on WSA, more research is needed to understand students' experiences and perceptions in schools implementing this approach (Sanders & Galindo, 2022).

Citi Global College in Cabuyao City, Laguna, stands at a crucial juncture in its evolution as an institution of higher learning. Established with the vision of providing quality education to the youth of Cabuyao and its neighboring communities, the college has grown significantly in recent years. It currently offers a diverse range of academic programs and serves a substantial student population. While the college has implemented various student development initiatives, there is a growing recognition of the need for a more cohesive and comprehensive approach to fully support the holistic growth of its students.

Despite its commendable efforts, Citi Global College faces several challenges in its current approach to student development. These include a fragmented implementation of development programs, limited integration of holistic development principles into the core curriculum, and inadequate mechanisms for assessing the long-term impact of existing initiatives on student outcomes. Additionally,

the college must navigate the complexities of adapting its programs to meet the evolving needs of its diverse student body and the rapidly changing demands of the job market.

This study aimed to assess the implementation of the whole school approach (WSA) and its impact on holistic student development at Citi Global College. Specifically, it evaluate the level of WSA implementation as perceived by faculty and students in terms of cognitive, socio-emotional, and life skills/soft skills development. Additionally, the study has explore the perceived impact of WSA implementation regarding collaborative leadership, supportive school environments, and strong community partnerships. Ultimately, the research identified areas for improvement and develop an implementation framework aligned with the college's mission and resources.

By addressing these objectives, this research aims to contribute valuable insights that can guide Citi Global College in enhancing its student development efforts. Ultimately, this research aspires to contribute to the broader discourse on effective strategies for nurturing well-rounded, capable, and socially responsible graduates who are prepared to thrive in an increasingly complex world.

Theoretical Framework

The study of a whole school approach toward holistic student development at Citi Global College is grounded in several interconnected theoretical perspectives. These theories provide a robust foundation for understanding the complexities of student development and the potential impact of a comprehensive, institution-wide approach to fostering student growth.

Whole School Approach (WSA)

The Whole School Approach (WSA) offers a comprehensive framework for promoting holistic student development (HSD). One key theory that supports this approach is Ecological Systems Theory, developed by Urie Bronfenbrenner. This theory highlights that student development is shaped by various layers of environmental influences, starting from immediate surroundings like family and school, and extending to wider contexts such as the community and society.

By implementing WSA, educational institutions can build interconnected support systems that address these diverse influences on students' lives. This ensures that students' cognitive, emotional, and social needs are all met in a balanced way. With this approach, schools can create an environment where every aspect of a student's development is considered, leading to more effective and well-rounded educational experiences.

Constructivist Learning Theory

Another valuable model is Constructivist Learning Theory, which emphasizes that learners build knowledge through their experiences and interactions with others. This perspective is crucial for the Whole School Approach (WSA) because it encourages active participation in the learning process. It also highlights the importance of collaboration among students, teachers, and the broader community.

By incorporating real-world applications into the curriculum, WSA promotes practical learning that helps students connect classroom knowledge to their lives. This approach not only deepens their understanding of the content but also enhances their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Through

collaborative leadership, WSA creates an environment where students can engage with one another and their teachers, leading to a richer educational experience.

Social Learning Theory

Social Learning Theory, developed by Albert Bandura, emphasizes the role of observation and imitation in the learning process. This theory highlights the need for a supportive school environment where positive behaviors and skills can be demonstrated and practiced. When schools adopt the Whole School Approach (WSA), they can create a culture of collaboration and mutual support that helps students develop essential soft skills and emotional intelligence.

Additionally, WSA fosters strong partnerships with the community, providing students with reinforcement and support that extends beyond the classroom. This holistic approach not only enhances students' learning experiences but also prepares them to thrive in their personal and academic lives. By integrating these elements, WSA plays a crucial role in promoting overall student development.

Conceptual Framework

From the theories utilized in the study, the following conceptual framework was developed using dependent and independent variables.

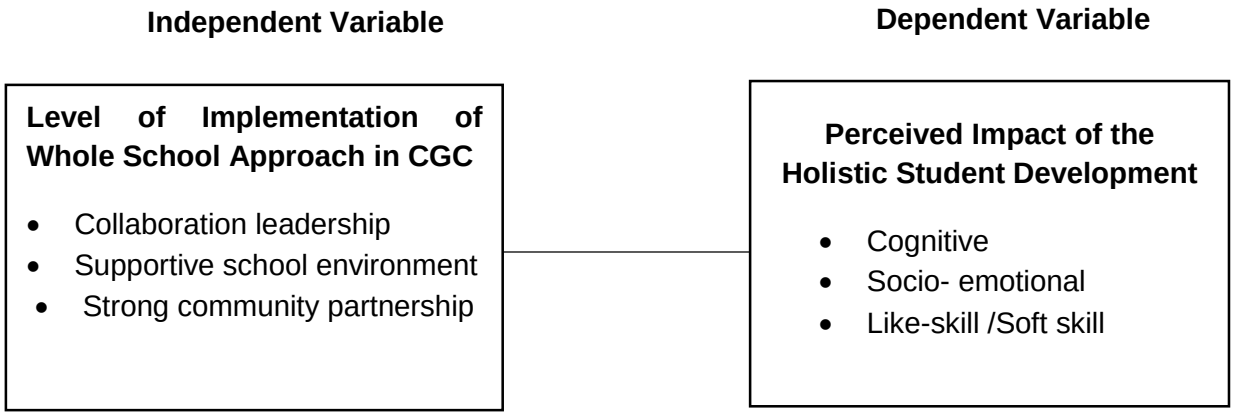

Figure 1. Conceptual Framework

The independent variables in this study are the on the level of implementation of the whole school approach (WSA) in terms of Collaboration leadership, Supportive school environment and Strong community partnership. The dependent variables focus on its perceived impact on holistic student development (HSD). in terms of cognitive, socio-emotional, and life skills/soft skills development.

To analyze the data, the study was test for significant relationship in the assessment of WSA implementation and its impact on holistic student development among the respondent groups. Additionally, it examines the relationships between the level of WSA implementation and its perceived effects on students' cognitive, socio-emotional, and life skills/soft skills development.

Research Questions

This study aims to determine the implementation of whole school approach and its impact to the holistic student's development at Citi Global College. Specifically, this answer the following sub problems:

1. What is the profile of the two groups of respondents along with.

    1.1. Faculty members;

        a. Gender,
        b. Length of service,
        c. Educational Attainment,

    1.2. Students,

        a. Gender,
        b. Strand,
        c. Grade Level?

2. What is the level of implementation of WSA as assessed by faculty and students in terms of:
    2.1 Collaboration Leadership,
    2.2 Supportive School Environment,
    2.3 Strong Community Partnership?
3. What is the perceived level of impact on Holistic Student Development in terms of:
    3.1 Cognitive?
    3.2 Socio- emotional?
    3.3 Like-skill /Soft skill?
4. Is there a significant difference between the assessment of the faculty and students as the level of implementation of whole school approach in CGC?
5. Is there a significant difference between assessment of the faculty and student as to the perceived level of impact on holistic student development?
6. Is there a significant relationship between the level of implementation of WSA and perceived level of impact on holistic student development in CGC?
7. What action plan can be proposed to enhance the WSA implementation in CGC?

Hypotheses/Assumptions

The following are the hypotheses of the study in a null form.

1. There is significant difference between the assessment of the faculty and students as the level of implementation of whole school approach in CGC
2. There is significant difference between assessment of the faculty and student as to the perceived level of impact on holistic student development
3. There is significant relationship between level of implementation of WSA and perceived level of impact on holistic student development in CGC?

This study assumes that:

1. The whole school approach will lead to improved student outcomes in terms of academic achievement, social-emotional learning, and physical well-being.
2. The implementation of a whole school approach will result in a positive school culture and climate.
3. Teachers, administrators, and staff are willing and able to collaborate and work together to implement the whole school approach.
4. Students, parents, and the community will support and participate in the whole school approach initiatives.
5. That the respondents will answer the survey questionnaire.

Scope and Delimitations of the Study

This study focused on the implementation and impact of a whole school approach toward holistic student development at Citi Global College, Cabuyao City, Laguna. The scope of the research encompasses:

The study examined the implementation and impact of a Whole School Approach (WSA) on holistic student development, focused on four key components: integrated curriculum, supportive campus environment, collaborative leadership, and community partnerships. It assessed the level of WSA implementation, as evaluated by faculty and students, in terms of collaborative leadership, supportive school environments, and strong community partnership. Additionally, the research explored the perceived impact of WSA implementation regarding cognitive, socio-emotional, and life skills/soft skills development, covering all undergraduate programs through the initial assessment, planning, implementation, and early evaluation phases.

The research is exclusively conducted at Citi Global College, located in Cabuyao City, Laguna, during the school year 2024-2025. The study is limited to this single institution and does not extend to other higher education institutions. This focused allows for an in-depth examination of the Whole School Approach (WSA) and its impact on holistic student development within this specific context.

The study involves multiple participant groups within the Citi Global College community, including undergraduate students, faculty members, administrative staff, and selected community partners. The research will be conducted over the school year from August 2024 to July 2025.

As the study was confined to Citi Global College, the findings may not be fully generalizable to other higher education institutions with different characteristics or contexts.

Significance of the Study

This study holds significant importance for various stakeholders and contributes to the broader field of higher education. The research's significance can be understood through its potential impacted on different levels:

- The study will provide insights into how Citi Global College can more effectively foster holistic student development, potentially leading to improved student outcomes in academic, personal, social, and professional domains.
- The research may involve a shift in organizational culture towards a more integrated, collaborative approached to student development, potentially improving institutional cohesion and effectiveness.
- Students may benefit from a more integrated, supportive educational environment that addresses their holistic development needs and provides a platform for student perspectives to be heard and incorporated into institutional development processes.
- Faculty and staff may gain new insights into holistic student development, potentially enhanced their professional practices.
- The focused on community partnerships within the whole school approach may lead to stronger, more mutually beneficial relationships between Citi Global College and the local community.
- Findings may inform policy discussions at the national level about approached to enhance the quality and relevance of higher education.
- The research has the potential to contribute valuable insights that can inform practice, policy, and further research in the field of higher education.

Definition of Terms

For the purpose of this study, the following terms are defined:

Behavioral Domain - The behavioral domain is defined as the observable actions and responses of individuals in different situations. It includes the assessment of behaviors such as attendance, participation, and adherence to rules within educational settings.

Cognitive Domain - The cognitive domain refers to the mental processes involved in learning and understanding information. It encompasses skills like recalling facts, applying knowledge, analyzing ideas, and evaluating information, enabling students to think critically and solve problems.

Collaborative Leadership - Collaborative leadership is the practice of shared decision-making among school administrators, teachers, staff, and students. This approached encourages teamwork and collective responsibility in implementing development initiatives within the school community.

Community Partnerships - Community partnerships are formal relationships between the educational institution and external organizations. These partnerships provide students with opportunities for learning, internships, and community service that enrich their education.

Holistic Student Development - Holistic student development is an educational approach that promotes growth in all areas of a student's life, including academic, personal, social, emotional, and professional dimensions. The goal is to prepare students to face life's challenges as well-rounded individuals.

Impact - Impact refers to the significant effects or changes resulting from a program or intervention. It measures the extent to which a particular initiative influences behaviors, conditions, or outcomes, including both intended and unintended consequences.

Implementation - Implementation is the process of putting a plan or program into action. It involves executing strategies and activities systematically to achieve measurable outcomes and practical effects.

Integrated Curriculum - An integrated curriculum involves designing academic programs that merge holistic development principles with traditional subjects. It includes interdisciplinary learning and incorporates the development of soft skills within course content.

Life Skills / Soft Skills - Life skills, often referred to as soft skills, are interpersonal abilities that enable individuals to interact effectively with others and navigate everyday challenges. These skills include communication, teamwork, problem-solving, emotional intelligence, adaptability, and time management, which are essential for personal and professional success in various contexts.

Socio-Emotional Domain - The socio-emotional domain focuses on developing skills and attitudes that help individuals manage emotions and build positive relationships. It includes the ability to recognize one's feelings, demonstrate empathy, and resolve conflicts effectively.

Strong Partnership - A strong partnership refers to the engagement between the college and external stakeholders such as local businesses and community groups. These partnerships offer students opportunities for real-world experiences, internships, and service learning.

Supportive Environment - A supportive environment includes the physical, social, and cultural factors that enhance student well-being and success. It consists of facilities, services, policies, and the interpersonal dynamics that create an engaging and safe educational atmosphere.

Whole School Approach - The Whole School Approach is a coordinated strategy for school improvement that involves the entire school community. It integrates academic, social, and personal development to enhance student learning and well-being across all areas of college life.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE AND STUDIES

In this chapter, the literature and studies are selected and considered based on the relative reliability of the information. These literatures and studies are the proof and evidence of the researcher in this study.

Whole-School Approach

According to Cavanagh et al. (2024) that a Whole School Approach (WSA) is used in schools as a means of bringing transformative change across different types of domains in school. WSA is established and implemented in accordance with each school's particular circumstance as well as the larger educational system that the school is a part of. The WSAs are customized to the education environment and are always changing to adapt to the demands of the learning environment (UNESCO, n.d).

Through cooperative efforts involving all staff, teachers, students, and their families, WSA seeks to improve learning outcomes by incorporating new habits into daily life and routines (Goldberg et al., 2019). A whole school approach, which defines the entire school community as the unit of change, as

based on the World Health Organization's definition of a Health Promoting School (WHO, 1998) as cited in (Goldberg et al., 2019) and entails coordinated action between three interrelated components: (1) curriculum, teaching, and learning; (2) school ethos and environment; and (3) family and community partnerships. Incorporating families into a WSA expands learning possibilities across the two settings where children spend the majority of their time and strengthens the complementary roles of educators and families (Goldberg et al., 2019). WSAs are used all over the world, and in recent years, numerous related research has been published in Asia (Sasaki et al., 2023; Wong et al., 2021). A study by Navarra (2020) investigates the effects of the Whole School Approach on students' writing and reading skills in the Philippines. The purpose of the study was to evaluate improvements in abilities including word recognition and understanding. The findings showed that although children made progress in these areas, their reading frustration levels remained high.

A quantitative survey conducted by Boeve-de Pauw and Van Petegem (2018) found that students' pro-environmental behaviors have been fostered via shared leadership, instructors and staff who support one another, and greening the campus and using it for instruction. Qualities of school organization such as democratic decision-making, flexibility, diversified communication that values differing viewpoints, and sustainable leadership were strongly associated with students' action competency in sustainable development (Verhelst, 2022). Additionally, Schröder et al. (2020) conducted a case study and determined the factors, particularly adopting a community cooperative approach and creating a schoolwide educational framework—activities that are connected to WSA school organization—were successful in motivating students to engage in eco-school activities.

Through a careful development and proper implementation of a WSA can significantly lead to positive improvements in children’s behavior and better social and learning environment of a school when implemented properly since school children spend the majority of their time in both the home and the school, an effective WSA should promote cooperation between both settings (Moore et al., 2019). This collaboration between the parents and the school encourages the suitability of WSA as a basis for implementing evidence-based practices which can improve the school behavior, reduce absences, and improve academic performance of the students (Goldbreg et al., 2019).

According to a study by Procter et al. (2022), effective WSA have interdependent elements such as: (1) Consider responsibility for the curriculum, instruction, and learning as well as the school's culture and atmosphere. This implies that educational staff members as well as administration and leadership must support the effort to create a WSA, (2) incorporate the entire school community. This entails giving students' voices real consideration and inclusion, acknowledging that parents and carers possess an extensive amount of knowledge and should be involved in the work, and involving and looking out for the wellbeing of the entire staff team, including junior staff, school administrators, and teaching and non-teaching staff, and (3) acknowledge the value of specialized, focused, and universal efforts to promote the health and wellbeing of children and youth.

WSA have been proven to be effective in primary and secondary schools. Implemented across different range of areas including promoting positive mental health, and overall well-being (Higgins & Booker, 2022), reducing and preventing bullying behaviors (Wong et al., 2011 as cited in Cavanagh et al., 2024), promoting positive social and emotional development (Goldberg et al., 2019), promoting inclusion

between different ethnicities, races, and culture (Karim & Hue, 2023), as well as promoting healthy eating habits and physical exercise to decrease obesity (Sheya et al., 2008 as cited in Cavanagh et al., 2024).

Integrated Curriculum

An integrated curriculum is defined as one that emphasizes unifying principles and crosses subject-matter boundaries to connect various areas of study. Constructing an interdisciplinary curriculum or bridging gaps between several academic courses in order to improve curricular coherence and/or make learning more holistic (Niemelä, 2021). Integrating connections for students is the main goal of the curriculum, which enables the students to participate in worthwhile activities that are valuable for real-world applications (Barton, 2019). It is the concept or procedure of combining the information from several subjects that have traditionally been treated as distinct and independent (Kreijkes & Greatorex, 2024). Additionally, integrated curriculum aims to connect the classroom learned theories with practical and real-life scenarios and experiences (Drake & Burns, 2004 as cited in Barton, 2019).

A study conducted by Drake and Reid (2018) discusses the growing emphasis on integrating 21st-century skills into educational curricula. Educators face challenges in defining, teaching, and assessing these competencies. The paper proposes an integrated curriculum approach, presenting a framework called "Know-Do-Be" and suggesting backward design as a way to develop these capabilities. Similarly integrated curriculum has been a popular topic in school development and education, it has gained widespread international attention (McPhail, 2019).

According to Davis (2019), there are 4 types of integrated learning: (a) Parallel Curriculum Integration, (b) Infusion Curriculum Integration, (c) Multidisciplinary Curriculum Integration, and (d) Transdiciplinary Curriculum Integration. “The following disciplines may be related through central theme, issue, problem, process, topic or experience” (Jacobs, 1989 as cited in Davis, 2019).

a. Parallel curriculum integration is a curriculum design framework that uses four interconnected “parallels” to assist students into gaining a thorough understanding of several disciplines including (Davis, 2019): (1) Core: Highlights the fundamental abilities and understanding of a field. Students make connections between ideas in many contexts, fields, and eras, (2) Practice: Students use what they've learned and learned in practical settings, and (3) Identity: Students acquire core discipline-related values (Boon-Leng & Liu, 2019). Students that use the Parallel Curriculum Model (PCM) can develop their independence, curiosity, and critical thinking skills. Additionally, it can assist educators and learners in establishing goals and evaluating their own learning (Palmer, 2009 as cited in Boon-Leng & Liu, 2019).
b. Infusion curriculum integration is a teaching strategy that involves integrating additional subjects or content into regular classes or lesson plans (Exam Testing, 2023; McGuire, n.d): Incorporating other subjects, a teacher can integrate additional subjects into regular classes, while still retaining control over the information delivered (Exam Testing, 2023). Teaching conflict resolution, teachers can infuse conflict resolution concepts into all subject areas, providing opportunities for students to apply their skills (McGuire, n.d). Integrating cultural perspectives, teachers can integrate diverse cultural perspectives into the curriculum across all subjects, rather than isolating multicultural education as a separate topic (Fiveable, n.d). Enriching the curriculum, teachers can

select engaging enrichment activities and inject them into the curriculum to make topics more interesting (Renzulli & Waicunas, 2015 as cited in Davis, 2019), and Infusing technology, teachers can infuse technology into the curriculum, such as through making courses, makerspaces, or robotics courses (Borthwick et al., 2020).

c. Multidisciplinary curriculum integration is when two or more teachers from several subject areas decide to work together on a project that addresses the same theme (Davis, 2019). According to Poonam (2021) that in education, a multidisciplinary approach is a method of instruction that places a strong emphasis on several viewpoints and academic fields to demonstrate a theme, concept, or problem. It is the one in which identical idea is taught from the perspectives of several different disciplines. In a variety of methods, it aids the students in gaining knowledge and viewpoints. This prepares the students for the complexity of the real world, fosters a deeper understanding of complex subjects, and cultivates multidisciplinary thinking (Pathak, 2023).

d. Transdisciplinary curriculum integration refers to teaching across disciplines, usually by utilizing a shared subject, problem, or topic (Hirsch, 2020). There are limitations to a single-disciplinary strategy, especially when it only considers the standards of that one discipline while neglecting the contributions or potential solutions of other disciplines. Students can examine the same theme, problem, or subject from the viewpoints of several distinct disciplines by using interdisciplinarity (Millar, 2016 as cited in Hirsch, 2020).

Curriculum integration requires schools to see education as a process of building life skills, particularly in addressing the issues of the twenty-first century, rather than as discrete courses that are separated into several domains. Students will get the chance to comprehend the intricate issues that exist in the surrounding environment from a comprehensive perspective thanks to integrated learning (VanTassel-Baska, 2023). Students should be able to recognize, collect, evaluate, and apply the knowledge that surrounds them in a meaningful way as a result of this integrated learning (Akib et al., 2020).

Collaborative Leadership

Collaborative leadership is a powerful strategy that depends on shared accountability, teamwork, and cooperation. Fundamentally, it's about leadership by involving everyone, appreciating the opinions of each team member, and cooperating to achieve shared objectives (Kitch, 2024). Collaborative is popular within the business and corporate setting but there is a few research that tackles and proves the effectiveness of WSA in terms of collaborative leadership of the students.

According to a study by Mondal (2020), the following are some ways that a whole school approach (WSA) might enhance collaborative leadership: (1) Including interested parties in order to address educational difficulties, a WSA brings together all parties involved in the school, including parents, families, instructors, students, and school administrators, (2) Fostering a culture of positivity at school by establishing supportive relationships among staff members and fostering a sense of belonging, a WSA can contribute to the development of a strong school culture, (3) Creating chances for employees to participate Opportunities for professional development and staff engagement to address their well-being can be offered by a WSA (Aryani & Hiryadi, 2023), (4) Including families since WSA can expand learning possibilities in both environments and strengthen the complementary responsibilities of educators and

families, and (5) getting in touch with local partners in order to give students access to outside assistance and mental health resources, a WSA can establish connections with community partners (Bloetner, 2023).

Collaborative leadership involves all stakeholders actively participating in decision-making, ensuring that various perspectives are considered to drive productive change. By aligning diverse viewpoints and minimizing personal biases, stakeholders can work together to solve complex issues and achieve common goals (LaFasto & Larson, 2001 as cited in Mondal, 2020).

According to Dewitt (2017) as cited in Mondal (2020), leadership styles in relation to collaborative proficiency can be categorized into four types:

1. Bystanders: These leaders lack a clear purpose and fail to encourage collaboration among stakeholders. Their leadership results in poor performance and minimal partnership.
2. Regulators: While highly effective in managing environments and following pre-set plans, these leaders struggle to inspire genuine collaboration, leading to a rigid system where teachers wait for instructions without innovating.
3. Negotiators: These leaders set the goals themselves and then pressure stakeholders to align with those specific objectives. Their focus is more on managing the process rather than achieving meaningful outcomes.
4. Collaborators: These leaders work openly and transparently with stakeholders, prioritizing open communication and shared decision-making to foster collaborative efforts.

There is more to a collaborative leadership culture than just running a planned meeting, imparting knowledge, or taking notes during regular planning sessions. Transparency, honesty, integrity, reliability, responsibility, and educators' dedication to common objectives are all necessary for collaborative leadership (Mondal, 2020). For a school or district to succeed in the long run, administration must encourage and support collaborative leadership with the help of WSA (Joseph, 2018).

Supportive School Environment

Schools have a critical role in children's overall development. It has been demonstrated that a school environment that is continuously safe and encouraging boosts student involvement and fosters the children's general success and holistic well-being (Canfield et al., 2023). Similar findings from a study by Garcia-Molsosa et al. (2019), suggested that schools with effective support networks exhibit notable gains in a number of areas, including academic achievement, connection building, academic engagement, and mental health and well-being.

Students who feel safe, connected, and cared for are in a supportive school environment. Here are some strategies for fostering a positive school environment (CDC, n.d; CASEL Guide to Schoolwide SEL, n.d; National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments, n.d). Prioritizing and building strong relationships with students and focus on the quality of those connections is one of the ways on how to create a supportive school environment (CASEL Guide to Schoolwide SEL, n.d). Additionally, educators must promote mutual respect and inclusivity, establish rules and regulations, routines, and expectations (CDC, n.d). Create a safe space and ensure the students are safe from any kind of violence, harassment,

bullying, etc. (National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments, n.d). Create a positive learning environment by creating an inviting and safe environment with a quiet place, and provide opportunities for the students to be their own problem solver to enhance their critical thinking skills (Randolph, n.d). Lastly, seek partnership with parents and valuable stakeholders in the community to build a safe environment for the students (CDC, n.d).

Strong Community Partnership

By actively engaging with the local community, community-based knowledge plays a crucial role in guiding curriculum development (Valle et al., 2022). Community people, organizations, and stakeholders actively participate in the activities and decision-making processes that have a direct impact on their lives and well-being attributable to this engagement, which creates an environment of collaboration (Mpuangnan & Ntombela, 2024). Students are more likely to feel a feeling of responsibility and a sincere desire to make a positive contribution to their local community and society when they see their community actively involved in forming their educational path (Kumar & Rewari, 2022).

According to a study by Mpuangnan and Ntombela (2024), findings showed that curriculum building using additional approaches, such as community involvement and needs assessment, was facilitated by community-based knowledge. It has been demonstrated that the community needs assessment approach improves educational outcomes, student engagement, and curriculum quality. In considering the results, it was suggested that community members' active participation be given top priority in order to integrate their opinions, knowledge, and experience into the curriculum building process (Mpuangnan & Ntombela, 2024).

Individual, organizational, and community-wide involvement are some examples of the different ways that community engagement may be displayed (Gau, 2022). Parents and students can share their opinions and views on an individual basis, and local organizations and nonprofits can provide resources and knowledge on an organizational level. Collective involvement can influence educational policies and efforts at a larger community level. According to Cushner et al. (2019), this inclusive approach guarantees that the curriculum not only takes into account the individual requirements, interests, and goals of the students, but also fosters social inclusion and cultural understanding. Curriculum development in a culturally varied neighborhood, for example, may incorporate many cultural ideas and customs to give students a more inclusive and well-rounded education (Mpuangnan & Ntombela, 2024). According to Yang and Li (2022), this method is essential for developing a curriculum that is both current and sensitive to the changing needs of the community it serves, enhancing it with cultural, social, and economic insights that improve students' overall educational experiences and holistic development.

Furthermore, by incorporating local resources and experience, it can be demonstrated that community-based knowledge improves curriculum development (Smith et al., 2023). Students have many opportunities to interact with their surroundings and gain knowledge from local experts at museums, historical sites, cultural centers, and community groups. Local resources improve the authenticity, scope, and depth of the curriculum (Buxton, 2021). This makes the material more pertinent and contextualized, which improves student engagement and learning outcomes. According to UNESCO (2017) as cited in Mpuangnan and Ntombela (2024), the curriculum ought to be customized to fit the unique requirements,

traits, and goals of the community. Individualized learning experiences are made possible by modifying the curriculum to fit the goals of the community (Finnegan, 2022). Within the parameters of the curriculum, students are able to follow their interests and skills, which supports their future goals and encourages individualized learning paths. This method acknowledges that every community may have unique social, cultural, or economic objectives and that education may be a means of assisting people in making significant contributions to the advancement of their local communities (Mpuangnan & Ntombela, 2024).

Holistic Student Development

Holistic student development is a teaching approach that focuses on a student's complete growth, including their physical, emotional, social, intellectual, and spiritual aspects and/or dimensions. The goal is to help students develop the skills and experiences which are necessary for real-life survival, to be productive, to be ethical citizens and to reach their fullest potential (O'Malley, 2024; Thakuria, 2024; American University, 2020).

According to Philippine Institute for Developmental Studies (2019); American University (2020), there are ways to support holistic student development including: (1) providing a supportive environment where students can learn and grow on their own paces, (2) offer services that cater the students' academic and non-academic needs, (3) have students apply critical-thinking skills to solve real-life problems, (4) give students opportunities to get involved in the community and make difference based on their chosen field, and (5) help students learn how to reflect on their actions and how it may affect the community.

A report from the United Nations Transforming Education Summit (2022) as cited in Datnow et al. (2020) which promotes holistic student development, focuses on the experiences of seven education systems that prioritize the complete child. These systems are located in democratic, high-, middle-, and low-middle-income nations. These include local, provincial, and territorial programs in Canada, India, and the United States; national programs in Singapore, Ireland, and Chile; and a cross-national program called the International Baccalaureate. None of the seven systems aims to lessen academic difficulty, and they all function within governmental frameworks that demand quantifiable improvements in students' academic learning. However, each of the seven seeks to advance by fostering the moral, social, cultural, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth of students (Datnow et al., 2020).

Students could acquire a wide range of abilities through holistic development, such as empathy, problem-solving, teamwork, and creative thinking. Students who possess these abilities can thrive both inside and outside of the classroom (HEI Schools, 2022; Thakuria, 2024).

Cognitive Domain

The term "cognitive ability" describes the capacity of the human brain to retain knowledge, analyze and extract it, pay attention, use memory and logical reasoning, and change the way one thinks (Shi & Qu, 2022). In order to examine the relationship between students' academic performance in mathematics and Chinese over two consecutive school years, Lui et al. (2021) assessed the cognitive skills of spatial imagination, computation, and information processing in 499 Chinese children enrolled in a school with

WSA program. They discovered significant correlations between academic achievement and visual-spatial imagination, computation, and information processing abilities.

Since cognitive skills encompass some of the brain's fundamental processes—thinking, reading, learning, keeping information, and paying attention—cognitive skills are essential to a person's general development. They are also utilized to solve issues, remember tasks, and make judgments (The Hindu, 2021).

Life Skills/Soft Skills Domain

The development of social and emotional skills is crucial for children and adolescents, and it may contribute to better well-being, happiness, and achievement in the future. Through the school environment, regulations, and community, WSA seek to foster these abilities on both an individual and school level (NIH, 2022).

For many years, educators believed that the classroom-based approach was the most effective way to address and improve children's and adolescents' social and emotional abilities. Nonetheless, there is growing evidence that the best way to foster these abilities is to incorporate them into everyday activities, extracurricular activities, and collaborations between the school, parents, and the community at large (Barry, Clarke & Dowling, 2017; Oberle, Domitrovich, Meyers & Weissberg, 2016; Jones & Bouffard, 2012; Weare & Nind, 2011 as cited in The Education Elf, 2020).

According to numerous literatures and studies, multiple excellent socioemotional outcomes can result from implementing social and emotional learning (SEL) throughout the WSA (The Education Elf, 2020), including: (1) WSA are known to increase the mental health literacy and positive well-being of the students, (2) WSA can help reduce anti-social behaviors, violence, as well as bullying, and (3) WSA can lead to an increase sense of belonging and commitment to the school and community (UNESCO & UNICEF, 2024; Datnow et al., 2020; Goldberg et al., 2019). Additionally, a research on WSA's influence on socioemotional development was provided by Pascoe et al. (2019) in a comprehensive study conducted in 40 educational institutions. According to their research, schools that used WSA stated that children's ability to regulate stress had improved by 39%. Students showed improved skills in recognizing stressors, creating useful coping mechanisms, and preserving emotional equilibrium in trying circumstances. The researchers observed that both academic achievement and general well-being were enhanced by these enhanced stress management abilities.

Socio-emotional Domain

When properly implemented, the meticulous creation of a WSA can result in notable gains in behavior management and an improvement of a school's social and educational environment (Rogers, 2000, p.12 as cited in Cavanagh et al., 2024). Since children spend the majority of their time in both the home and the school, a successful WSA implementation should promote cooperation between the two environments (Stirling & Emery, 2016 as cited in Goldberg et al., 2019). The appropriateness of using a WSA as a framework for putting evidence-based practices (EBPs) into practice—which in turn enhance academic results, decrease absenteeism, or improve school behavior—is supported by this cooperative relationship across important settings (Goldberg et al., 2019).

According to a recent EdWeek Research Center survey, student behavior issues have increased over the last three to four years. According to 70% of educators, including 1,058 teachers, principals, and district officials, there is an increase in misbehavior among kids in their schools currently compared to the autumn of 2019. And for a little over a year, that percentage has remained relatively constant, rising little since the EdWeek Research Center previously asked educators this subject in December 2021 (Pothero, 2023).

A recent meta-analysis conducted by (Goldberg et al., 2019) of 45 studies assessing the effects of social and emotional learning interventions that used a whole school approach, these interventions significantly improve internalizing symptoms (d = 0.11), behavioral adjustment (d = 0.13), and social-emotional adjustment (d = 0.22). Not all whole school strategies, nevertheless, claim to have beneficial outcomes. In terms of behavior, mental health issues, and social and emotional abilities, the assessment of social and emotional aspects of learning (SEAL) revealed no noteworthy results (Humphrey et al., 2010)

Synthesis

Based on the reviewed literature, it emphasizes the transformative potential of the Whole-School Approach (WSA) in enhancing educational outcomes through collective engagement among students, staff, families, and communities. Cavanagh et al. (2024) characterize WSA as a flexible framework tailored to the unique needs of each school, grounded in a health-promoting model that integrates curriculum, school environment, and community partnerships. Effective implementation of WSAs has been shown to foster positive behavior, improve academic performance, and promote overall student well-being (Goldberg et al., 2019; Moore et al., 2019). Furthermore, the literature highlights the significance of integrated curricula that unify various academic disciplines, equipping students with essential 21st-century skills (Niemelä, 2021; Davis, 2019). Collaborative leadership plays a vital role in this framework, encouraging shared responsibility and engagement among stakeholders, which is crucial for navigating challenges and cultivating a supportive learning culture (Mondal, 2020).

The interdependence of WSA, integrated curricula, and collaborative leadership creates a comprehensive educational approach focused on both academic success and the holistic development of students as engaged citizens. Additionally, the literature underscores the necessity of a supportive school environment and strong community partnerships in fostering student success and well-being. A positive school climate, characterized by safety, connection, and care, is essential for enhancing student engagement and mental health (Canfield et al., 2023; Garcia-Molsosa et al., 2019). Strategies that promote inclusivity and collaboration with parents and community stakeholders are vital for creating such environments (CDC, n.d.; CASEL Guide to Schoolwide SEL, n.d.). Active community engagement enriches curriculum development and strengthens student responsibility and connection to their local context (Valle et al., 2022; Mpuangnan & Ntombela, 2024).

Holistic student development emphasizes nurturing physical, emotional, social, intellectual, and spiritual growth to prepare students as ethical citizens and contributors to society (O'Malley, 2024; Thakuria, 2024). Studies further indicate that social and emotional learning (SEL) initiatives, particularly those implemented through a whole-school approach, significantly enhance students' behavioral, cognitive, and socio-emotional skills, leading to improved academic outcomes and well-being (Goldberg

et al., 2019; Pascoe et al., 2019). Collectively, these elements highlight the importance of an inte d educational framework prioritizing student well-being and community involvement as essential components of effective schooling.

Those literature provides robust evidence supporting the effectiveness of WSA in fostering holistic student development. The research emphasizes that successful implementation requires careful attention to all components while maintaining focus on student development across all domains. These findings provide a strong theoretical foundation for understanding how WSA contributes to comprehensive student development, particularly in higher education settings like Citi Global College.

Research Gaps

The comprehensive review of literature and studies on the whole school approach towards holistic students' development has revealed significant research gaps which follows.

1. There is limited research on the combined implementation of the Whole School Approach and holistic student development in the Philippines. This study will address this gap by examining how these two frameworks can work together to enhance student outcomes at Citi Global College. By focusing on a single institution, the research aims to provide insights and data that can inform future practices and policies in other schools.
2. There is a lack of longitudinal studies tracking the long-term impact of holistic development programs on students' success after graduation. To fill this gap, this study will assess the initial effects of the Whole School Approach on students during the school year 2024-2025 and outline strategies for ongoing evaluation of their success as they transition into the workforce. This approach will help identify what elements of holistic development are most beneficial for students in the long run.
3. There has been insufficient exploration of the roles of faculty and students in supporting holistic student development within a Whole School Approach. This research will investigate how faculty involvement and student engagement contribute to the implementation of holistic practices at Citi Global College. By understanding these roles, the study can provide recommendations for enhancing collaboration and support among all members of the educational community.
4. Limited research exists on the integration of local cultural values and practices in holistic development programs within the context of globalization. This study will examine how Citi Global College can incorporate local cultural elements into its holistic approach while addressing global influences. By fostering this integration, the research aims to create a more relevant and effective framework that resonates with students' identities and experiences.

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This chapter presents the method of research design, sources of data, selection of the respondents and participants, instrumentation and validation, data gathering procedures, ethical considerations, and data.

Research Design

This study utilized a descriptive correlation research design to investigate the implementation of the Whole School Approach (WSA) and its impact on holistic student development at Citi Global College. Descriptive correlation research design was a quantitative, non-experimental method used to examine relationships between variables without manipulation (Siedlecki, 2020). The researcher conducted surveys using questionnaires designed specifically for this study to gather data on how WSA was applied and perceived within the college.

Moreover, the research also analyzed whether there were significant differences and relationships among various factors related to the Whole School Approach and holistic student development. By examining these aspects, the study aimed to provide valuable insights into the effectiveness of WSA in fostering comprehensive growth among students.

Research Locale

The research locale of this study was the Senior High School Department of CITI Global College (CGC), located at VCB Bldg. 107 Limcaoco St., Brgy. Poblacion Uno, Cabuyao City, Laguna, Philippines. The school was founded on 2011 then on 2016 in response to community demand, the Senior High School Department offers academic tracks such as STEM, HUMSS, ABM, ICT and HE designed to prepare students for higher education and employment.

CGC's Cabuyao campus is known for its commitment to providing affordable, high-quality education tailored to the needs of the local community. It plays a significant role in fostering student development within the region, aligning with its mission to equip learners with skills and values essential for personal and professional growth.

Respondents of the Study

The study focused on 80 faculty members and 280 students from various strands—STEM, HUMSS, ICT, HE, and ABM—at CITI Global College during the Academic Year 2024-2025. The sample size of 280 students was determined using the Raosoft Calculator, and stratified random sampling will be employed to ensure proportional representation from each senior high school strand. Inclusion criteria for participation are as follows: faculty members must currently be part of the senior high school department at CITI Global College, while student participants must be currently enrolled as senior high school students and hold the position of classroom officer. These criteria aim to ensure that the participants are directly relevant to the study's objectives and contribute meaningful insights to the research.

Sampling Design

The sampling design used in this quantitative research is stratified random sampling technique, which is most suitable to answer the research questions, this sampling design ensures representation of each student from each strand (officers of each strand) and faculty members teaching these students. This provides reliable estimate of the population parameters.

Research Instrumentation

The study utilized researcher-made questionnaires that were distributed to the respondents through online platforms. The questionnaire was divided into four parts: (1) Demographic Profile, (2) Implementation of the Whole School Approach (WSA), and (3) Impact of WSA on holistic student development. To ensure its validity, the researcher-made questionnaire was reviewed and approved by a panel of experts, which included a language expert, a statistician, and a subject specialist.

For the 4-point Likert scale items measuring the Whole-School Approach towards the Holistic Student Development in Citi Global College, the following measures were employed:

Assigned Points	Numerical Ranges	Categorical Responses	Verbal Interpretations
4	3.21 - 4.00	Strongly Agree	Fully Implemented
3	2.51 - 3.50	Agree	Implemented
2	1.51 - 2.50	Disagree	Partially Implemented
1	1.00 – 1.50	Strongly Disagree	Not Implemented

Table 1. Evaluation and Scoring

Data Gathering Procedure

After validating the questionnaire, the researcher sent letters of request to the principal of CITI Global College to seek approval and assistance in disseminating the survey. The survey, along with the informed consent form, was distributed online through a secure survey platform. Clear instructions and detailed information about the study's purpose and scope were provided in the consent form to ensure participants were fully informed. Follow-up emails and calls were conducted to encourage participation and improve the response rate.

The survey responses were collected, encoded, and then forwarded to a statistician for statistical treatment and analysis. The gathered data were systematically tabulated, analyzed, and interpreted. To protect participants' privacy and confidentiality, the survey platform utilized anonymity and encryption features. Participation remained entirely voluntary, with no penalties for withdrawal, and participants were informed of their rights, including the ability to withdraw at any time, ask questions, or access support if they encountered any discomfort during the study.

To ensure transparency, participants were informed of the research results through a summary report made available upon request. They were provided with information on how to access these results via email or the survey platform, further promoting ethical accountability and participant engagement.

Treatment of the Data

The following statistical techniques was used in the analysis and interpretation of the results:

1. Descriptive statistics (frequency, percentage, mean, and standard deviation) was used to describe the demographic profile of the two groups of respondents.
2. Pearson's correlation coefficient was used to determine the relationship between implementation of whole school approach and holistic student development.
3. One-way ANOVA was used to determine if there are significant differences in respondents' assessment on the level implementation of whole school approach based on demographic variables, such as years of teaching experience and gender. For students' profile, like gender, and year level

Ethical Considerations

This study was conducted with strict adherence to ethical research principles, including full compliance with the Data Privacy Act (DPA) of 2012. Letters of request was sent to the principal to obtain permission for faculty and student participation, ensuring that institutional approval is secured. Before their participation, all respondents was provided with comprehensive information about the study's purpose, potential benefits, and any associated risks. Informed consent was obtained from every participant, and for those under 18 years old, additional parental or guardian consent was required to ensure proper authorization. Participation will be entirely voluntary, with respondents free to withdraw from the study at any time without penalty.

To protect the confidentiality of respondents, all collected data was anonymized, and identifiable information was stored securely in a password-protected system accessible only to the researcher. Furthermore, participants was informed of the research results through a summary report that was shared via email or an online platform, ensuring transparency and allowing participants to review the study's findings. These ethical measures are designed to safeguard participants' rights and privacy while ensuring the integrity of the research process. By adhering to these principles, the study upholds the highest standards of ethical responsibility.

4. PRESENTATION, ANALYSIS, AND INTERPRETATION OF DATA

This chapter presents the results derived from the analysis of quantitative data collected from respondents. The data were examined to address the issues outlined in Chapter 1 of this study. The analysis aimed to evaluate the implementation of the whole school approach (WSA) and its impact on holistic student development at Citi Global College, and enable the researcher to reflect on and offer recommendations based on their findings. The quantitative data results are displayed in tables, accompanied by detailed interpretations.

Problem number 1. What is the profile of the two groups of respondents along with.

1.1. Faculty members;

a. Gender

Table 2

Frequency and Percentage Distribution in Terms of Type of Gender

INDICATOR	Frequency	Percentage
Male	19	23.8
Female	61	76.3
Total	**80**	**100.0**

Table 2 presented the Frequency and Percentage Distribution in Terms of Type of Gender among the faculty members. The data revealed a significant gender disparity, with 76.3% (61 out of 80 respondents) of faculty members being female and only 23.8% (19 respondents) male. This imbalance mirrored broader trends in the education sector, where teaching—particularly at the elementary and secondary levels—has historically been perceived as a nurturing profession more aligned with traditional female roles. The underrepresentation of male teachers suggested that students had limited exposure to male role models in the school environment, which could influence behavior, academic engagement, and classroom dynamics.

The findings underscored a persistent gender gap in the teaching profession, consistent with global patterns. This imbalance highlighted the need for gender-responsive recruitment strategies, such as targeted hiring initiatives and mentorship programs, to attract and retain male educators. A more balanced faculty composition could foster diverse teaching perspectives, improve student discipline (particularly among boys), and create a more inclusive school culture. Studies suggest that male teachers often serve as critical role models, positively impacting boys' academic motivation and social development (Yang & Tani, 2023). Addressing this disparity could enhance equity in educational experiences for all students.

Recent studies reinforce these findings. Sebastian et al. (2022) noted that in the Philippines, 87.35% of elementary teachers were female, attributing this to societal perceptions of teaching as an extension of caregiving roles. Similarly, Yang & Tani (2023) found that schools with higher male teacher representation reported improved engagement and disciplinary outcomes among male students, particularly in STEM subjects. Their research also emphasized that gender diversity in faculty enriches classroom discussions by incorporating varied perspectives. To mitigate imbalance, UNESCO (2021) recommended policy interventions like scholarships for male teacher candidates and awareness campaigns to challenge gender stereotypes in career choices. These measures could help bridge the gap, ensuring a more equitable and dynamic educational environment.

b. Length of service

Table 3

Frequency and Percentage Distribution in Terms of Length of Service

INDICATOR	Frequency	Percentage
Less than – 5 yrs.	64	80.0
5 – 9 yrs.	16	20.0
Total	**80**	**100.0**

Table 3 presented the Frequency and Percentage Distribution in Terms of Length of Service among faculty members. The data revealed that 80.0% of respondents (64 out of 80 faculty members) had been employed at the institution for less than five years, while only 20.0% (16 out of 80) had served for 5 to 9 years. Notably, no faculty members reported a tenure of 10 years or more. This distribution suggested a predominantly early-career teaching workforce, likely reflecting recent institutional expansion or active recruitment cycles.

The prevalence of faculty with short service tenure (under 5 years) highlighted both opportunities and challenges for the institution. While new hires could bring innovative teaching methods and adaptability to curricular changes (particularly relevant in post-pandemic education), the lack of long-serving faculty raised concerns about institutional memory retention and mentorship capacity. To address this imbalance, strategic interventions such as enhanced mentorship pairings, mid-career faculty development programs, and retention incentives for experienced educators were recommended. These measures could help bridge the experience gap while capitalizing on the energy of newer faculty.

Recent studies corroborate these findings. Garcia et al. (2023) found that institutions with over 70% early-career faculty faced significant challenges in curriculum continuity, with 62% reporting decreased departmental cohesion. Conversely, their research demonstrated that targeted retention programs improved senior faculty presence by 28% within three years. Similarly, a 2021 longitudinal study by Thompson & Oritz emphasized the "experience threshold effect," showing that faculty with 5+

years of service contributed disproportionately to institutional stability—accounting for 40% of mentorship activities and 75% of departmental leadership roles. These findings align with Acosta & Acosta's (2016) earlier work on seniority benefits, while providing contemporary evidence of the "early-career dominance" phenomenon in expanding educational institutions.

c. Educational Attainment;

Table 4

Frequency and Percentage Distribution in Terms of Educational Attainment

INDICATOR	Frequency	Percentage
Bachelor's Degree	62	77.5
Master's Degree	18	22.5
Total	**80**	**100.0**

Table 4 presented the frequency and percentage distribution of faculty members in terms of educational attainment. The data showed that the majority (77.5% or 62 out of 80 respondents) held a Bachelor's degree, while only 22.5% (18 respondents) had attained a Master's degree. Notably, none of the faculty members possessed a doctoral degree. This distribution confirmed that while all faculty met minimum teaching qualifications, advanced degree holders were underrepresented, potentially impacting the institution's capacity for research-intensive instruction and curriculum innovation.

The predominance of Bachelor's degree-holding faculty suggests a workforce in the early to mid-stages of professional development, which may limit exposure to advanced pedagogical techniques and specialized knowledge. The absence of doctoral-level faculty particularly raises concerns about the institution's research output and ability to mentor students in scholarly work. These findings highlight a critical gap in faculty qualifications that could affect both instructional quality and institutional reputation.

Recent studies underscore the importance of advanced faculty qualifications. Balanquit et al. (2023) found that institutions with more graduate degree-holding faculty demonstrated 28% higher student pass rates in licensure examinations, attributing this to enhanced content delivery and research-based teaching methods. Similarly, Smith & Rivera (2021) established a direct relationship between faculty educational attainment and student critical thinking skills, with Master's/PhD holders being 3.2 times more likely to employ high-impact teaching practices.

Conversely, Garcia et al. (2022) documented that schools with predominantly Bachelor's-level faculty showed lower student performance in standardized assessments, particularly in analytical tasks. Their longitudinal study demonstrated that faculty development programs (e.g., tuition subsidies for graduate studies) led to a 19% improvement in student outcomes within five years. These findings

collectively emphasize the need for institutional investments in faculty advancement to enhance educational quality and competitiveness.

1.2. Students;

a. Gender;

Table 5
Frequency and Percentage Distribution in Terms of Type of Gender

INDICATOR	Frequency	Percentage
Male	125	44.6
Female	143	51.1
Prefer Not to Say	12	4.3
Total	**280**	**100.0**

Table 5 presented the frequency and percentage distribution of respondents based on gender. Among the 280 respondents, 143 students (51.1%) identified as female, representing the majority. Male students accounted for 125 respondents (44.6%), while 12 students (4.3%) preferred not to disclose their gender. This finding reflected the institution's commitment to fostering an inclusive and respectful environment where students felt comfortable expressing their gender identity or choosing not to disclose it.

The gender distribution in Table 5 highlighted a relatively balanced representation of male and female students, with a small but meaningful percentage opting not to disclose their gender. This suggested that the institution had cultivated a supportive and non-discriminatory atmosphere, allowing students to express their identities freely. The adoption of a Whole School Approach (WSA)—which prioritizes respect, equality, and inclusion—likely contributed to this environment, ensuring that all students felt valued. Such policies not only enhance student well-being but also improve institutional effectiveness by fostering a culture of acceptance.

Recent studies and global frameworks support the importance of gender-inclusive education. UNESCO (2020) and UN Women (2022) emphasize that a WSA must recognize and address the needs of all students, including marginalized groups such as LGBTQ+ youth and students with disabilities. Their research found that schools implementing gender-sensitive policies saw reduced discrimination and improved emotional well-being among students. Additionally, Jones et al. (2021) observed that institutions with clear inclusivity measures reported higher student engagement and stronger peer relationships, which are critical for academic and personal development. These findings align with the current study's results, reinforcing that a WSA-driven approach to gender inclusivity creates a safer, more productive learning environment.

b. Strand;

Table 6
Frequency and Percentage Distribution in Terms of Strand

INDICATOR	Frequency	Percentage
ABM (Accountancy, Business and Management)	29	10.4
HE (Home Economics)	65	23.2
HUMSS (Humanities and Social Sciences)	80	28.6
ICT (Information and Communications Technology)	20	7.1
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)	86	30.7
Total	**280**	**100.0**

Table 6 presented the Frequency and Percentage Distribution in Terms of Strand among 280 students surveyed. The highest percentage of students were enrolled in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) strand, accounting for 30.7% (86 students). The HUMSS (Humanities and Social Sciences) strand followed closely at 28.6% (80 students), while the Home Economics (HE) strand accounted for 23.2% (65 students). The ABM (Accountancy, Business, and Management) strand made up 10.4% (29 students), and the lowest enrollment was in the ICT (Information and Communications Technology) strand at 7.1% (20 students).

The distribution suggests strong student interest in STEM and HUMSS fields, reflecting alignment with current career trends and personal interests. The relatively low enrollment in ICT may indicate either limited awareness of career opportunities in this field or a need for more engaging curriculum delivery. These patterns highlight the importance of regularly assessing and adapting academic offerings to match both student preferences and labor market demands. The findings support the implementation of targeted career guidance programs, particularly for underrepresented strands like ICT, to ensure balanced student participation across all available pathways.

Recent studies support these findings and their implications. Garcia and Lim (2023) found that STEM enrollment patterns strongly correlate with perceived career stability and earning potential among senior high school students. Their research in Philippine schools showed that career orientation programs significantly improved enrollment in less popular strands like ICT. Similarly, a 2022 study by Chen et al. demonstrated that schools implementing comprehensive career guidance under a Whole School Approach saw 25% higher enrollment in technical-vocational strands within two years. These findings align with Goldberg et al.'s (2021) conclusion that WSA implementations are most effective when combining curriculum alignment with strong industry partnerships and hands-on learning opportunities. Furthermore, Reyes and Tan's (2020) longitudinal study confirmed that students in strands matching their skills and interests showed 30% higher college persistence rates, emphasizing the long-term benefits of proper academic strand selection support.

c. Grade Level

Table 7

Frequency and Percentage Distribution in Terms of Grade Level

INDICATOR	Frequency	Percentage
GRADE 11	164	58.6
GRADE 12	116	41.4
Total	**280**	**100.0**

Table 7 presented the Frequency and Percentage Distribution in Terms of Grade Level among the 280 respondents. The majority (58.6%, 164 students) were Grade 11 students, while Grade 12 students accounted for 41.4% (116 students). This disparity suggested either higher enrollment rates at the entry level or stronger retention in Grade 11. The predominance of Grade 11 respondents also implied that the school's Whole School Approach (WSA) programs were more accessible to students at the initial stage of senior high school, potentially amplifying long-term academic and socio-emotional benefits.

The skewed distribution toward Grade 11 students reflected the effectiveness of the school's WSA in fostering early engagement. Research-consistent outcomes—such as improved retention and academic motivation—were likely reinforced by structured WSA interventions targeting younger students. To optimize these benefits, schools could enhance early WSA implementation through targeted teacher training, participatory student governance, and strengthened community ties. Ensuring program consistency across all grade levels would sustain positive trends and mitigate attrition risks in later years.

Parkes & Bordoloi (2021) found that WSA-adopting schools reported elevated student engagement and retention, particularly in entry-level grades. Their study attributed this to early exposure to supportive school environments, which bolstered academic attachment and adaptability. Similarly, Luna & Gregorio's (2023) Philippine-based study demonstrated that Grade 11-focused WSA strategies—including mentoring, mental health support, and inclusive pedagogy—significantly increased engagement. These findings aligned with the current data, underscoring WSA's role in shaping foundational student experiences. Goldberg et al. (2018) further emphasized that early WSA implementation correlated with long-term resilience, reinforcing the need to prioritize interventions at the senior high school entry point.

Problem Number 2. What is the level of implementation of WSA as assess by two group of respondents' faculty and students in terms of.

2.1 Collaboration leadership

Table 8

Level of Implementation of WSA as Assessed by Faculty and Students in terms of Collaboration Leadership

INDICATOR	Faculty Members		Students		Total	
	Mean	Inter	Mean	Inter	Mean	Inter
1. Faculty members collaborate effectively in decision-making processes.	3.5750	FI	3.4107	FI	3.4472	FI
2. There is a clear communication flow among faculty and administration.	3.5375	FI	3.3250	FI	3.3722	FI
3. Students are regularly consulted on school policies and initiatives	3.4375	FI	3.3607	FI	3.3778	FI
4. Leadership promotes teamwork among staff and students.	3.4625	FI	3.4107	FI	3.4222	FI
5. Regular meetings are held to discuss collaborative efforts.	3.4750	FI	3.3464	FI	3.3750	FI
GENERAL COMPOSITE MEAN	**3.4975**	**FI**	**3.3707**	**FI**	**3.5250**	**FI**

Legend: 3.25 – 4.00 Fully Implemented (FI); 2.50– 3.24 Implemented (I); 1.75 – 2.49 Partially Implemented (PI); 1.00 – 1.74 Not Implemented (NI)

Table 8 presented the assessment of the level of implementation of the Whole School Approach (WSA) in terms of Collaborative Leadership as perceived by faculty members and students. Both groups rated all indicators under the Fully Implemented (FI) category, demonstrating strong adherence to collaborative leadership practices. Faculty members gave the highest ratings to collaboration in decision-making processes (Mean = 3.5750) and communication flow with administration (Mean = 3.5375), while students rated leadership promoting teamwork highest (Mean = 3.4107). The overall means for faculty (3.4975) and students (3.3707) both fell within the FI range, indicating consensus on effective implementation, though faculty perceptions were marginally more positive.

The results reflect the institution's success in fostering a culture of collaborative leadership, characterized by shared decision-making, transparent communication, and team-oriented practices. The slightly lower student scores suggest room for deepening student involvement in leadership processes. Strategies such as expanding student representation in governance bodies, regular leadership-student

forums, and structured feedback mechanisms could further bridge this gap and enhance inclusivity. These adjustments would align with the WSA principle of holistic stakeholder engagement.

Recent studies underscore these findings. Thompson et al. (2022) found that schools employing collaborative leadership models saw 32% higher success rates in WSA implementation compared to hierarchical structures. Similarly, Anderson and Lee (2023) identified shared decision-making and open communication as the two strongest predictors of staff and student satisfaction in WSAs ($\beta = 0.45$ and 0.39, respectively). Martinez and Wong (2023) further demonstrated that schools with student-inclusive leadership practices reported 28% better outcomes in student engagement and program sustainability. Notably, a 2024 meta-analysis by Ocampo et al. revealed that institutions with bidirectional (faculty-student) leadership processes achieved more equitable policy outcomes ($ES = 0.72$, $p < .01$). These studies collectively validate the current results while highlighting the potential benefits of further student integration in leadership frameworks.

2.2 Supportive school environment

Table 9

Level of Implementation of WSA as Assessed by Faculty and Students in terms of Supportive School Environment

INDICATOR	Faculty Members		Students		Total	
	Mean	**Inter**	**Mean**	**Inter**	**Mean**	**Inter**
1. The school provides resources to support student learning.	3.3625	FI	3.3679	FI	3.3667	FI
2. Faculty members are approachable and helpful to students.	3.4375	FI	3.4786	FI	3.4694	FI
3. There are programs in place to address student well-being.	3.2750	FI	3.2929	FI	3.2889	FI
4. The school environment fosters inclusivity and respect.	3.3375	FI	3.3286	FI	3.3305	FI
5. Students feel safe and supported by faculty and staff.	3.2625	FI	3.3786	FI	3.3528	FI
GENERAL COMPOSITE MEAN	**3.4975**	**FI**	**3.3707**	**FI**	**3.4833**	**FI**

Legend: 3.25 – 4.00 Fully Implemented (FI); 2.50– 3.24 Implemented (I); 1.75 – 2.49 Partially Implemented (PI); 1.00 – 1.74 Not Implemented (NI)

Table 9 displayed the assessment of the level of implementation of the Whole School Approach (WSA) in terms of a supportive school environment as perceived by faculty members and students. Both groups strongly agreed that the school environment fostered student learning, with all indicators rated as "Fully Implemented" (FI). Faculty rated approachability and helpfulness highest (Mean = 3.4375), while students prioritized feeling safe and supported by staff (Mean = 3.3786). The general mean for faculty (3.4975) was marginally higher than students' (3.3707), with a total general mean of 3.4833, confirming a consensus on the school's supportive culture. Notably, well-being programs received the lowest scores (Faculty: 3.2750; Students: 3.2929), though still within the FI range.

The results indicated that the school successfully cultivated a supportive environment through accessible faculty, inclusive policies, and resource provision. The high ratings underscored the positive influence of the school's culture on student engagement and safety. However, the relatively lower scores for well-being programs suggested a need to enhance structured mental health initiatives. While the physical and social aspects of support were robust, formalized emotional health interventions—such as counseling services or stress-management workshops—could bridge this gap. Regular program evaluations and stakeholder feedback mechanisms might further refine these efforts.

These findings align with contemporary studies on WSA and school climate. Garcia & Santos (2021) demonstrated that schools with comprehensive support systems—particularly in faculty accessibility and emotional safety—reported 20% higher student engagement and well-being. Similarly, Thompson et al. (2023) identified that schools prioritizing both physical and psychological safety saw improved academic outcomes, with teacher approachability being a critical predictor of student success. A 2024 meta-analysis by Koh et al. added that while most schools effectively address physical safety and inclusivity, only 58% implement evidence-based well-being programs, leading to disparities in mental health support. The slightly lower scores for well-being programs in this study reflect this broader trend, suggesting an opportunity to adopt targeted interventions (e.g., peer mentoring or mindfulness training) to holistically bolster the WSA framework.

2.3 Strong community partnership

Table 10

Level of Implementation of WSA as Assessed by Faculty and Students in terms of Strong Community Partnership

INDICATOR	Faculty Members		Students		Total	
	Mean	Inter	Mean	Inter	Mean	Inter
1. The school collaborates with local businesses for student opportunities.	3.2750	FI	3.2929	FI	3.2889	FI

2. Community members are engaged in school activities.	3.2625	FI	3.3179	FI	3.3055	FI
3. Partnerships with organizations enhance student learning experiences.	3.2500	FI	3.3857	FI	3.3556	FI
4. Parents actively participate in events and provide input on decisions affecting students	3.1875	I	3.0714	I	3.0972	I
5. The school receives feedback from the community about its programs.	3.1500	I	3.3464	FI	3.3028	FI
GENERAL COMPOSITE MEAN	**3.2250**	**I**	**3.2829**	**FI**	**3.3972**	**FI**

Legend: 3.25 – 4.00 Fully Implemented (FI); 2.50– 3.24 Implemented (I); 1.75 – 2.49 Partially Implemented (PI); 1.00 – 1.74 Not Implemented (NI)

Table 10 displayed the assessment of the level of implementation of the Whole School Approach (WSA) in terms of strong community partnership as perceived by both faculty members and students. The findings revealed that the majority of indicators were rated within the "Implemented" (Agree) or "Fully Implemented" (Strongly Agree) categories. Specifically, both groups acknowledged the school's collaboration with local businesses (Mean = 3.2750 for faculty; 3.2929 for students), community engagement in school activities (Mean = 3.2625 for faculty; 3.3179 for students), and the role of partner organizations in enhancing student learning (Mean = 3.2500 for faculty; 3.3857 for students). However, the lowest ratings were observed in areas concerning parental participation and feedback, with mean scores of 3.1875 (faculty) and 3.0714 (students). The overall general mean indicated "Implemented" for faculty (3.2250) and "Fully Implemented" for students (3.2829), leading to a combined total general mean of 3.3972, suggesting that strong community partnerships were, overall, well-established.

The data indicated that the school had effectively fostered partnerships with community stakeholders, particularly with businesses and civic organizations that enriched student learning. The ratings from both faculty and students affirmed the positive impact of these partnerships on the educational environment by providing additional resources, contextual learning experiences, and increased community involvement. However, the relatively lower mean scores in parental involvement and feedback highlighted a critical area for development. This gap suggested the need for targeted strategies to strengthen parent-school collaboration, which could further enhance the effectiveness of the Whole School Approach and ensure that families play a more active role in students' educational experiences.

These results were consistent with the findings of Morrison et al. (2022), who reported that schools with established community partnerships saw marked improvements in access to learning resources and student academic performance. Their study emphasized the importance of integrating community support

into the educational framework to extend learning beyond the classroom. Johnson and Ahmed (2023) further noted that sustained and transparent communication with stakeholders, including parents, was essential for maximizing the benefits of community collaboration. They emphasized the role of feedback mechanisms and shared decision-making in strengthening trust and involvement. Additionally, Wilson et al. (2022) found that active parental engagement significantly contributed to improved student attendance and academic outcomes, reinforcing the idea that greater focus on parent participation could bolster the existing WSA framework. These studies collectively supported the current findings and underscored the importance of enhancing parental involvement to achieve a more holistic and inclusive approach to community partnership in schools.

Problem Number 3. What is the perceived level of impact on Holistic Student Development in terms of.

3.1 Cognitive

Table 11

Holistic Student Development Level in terms of Cognitive Development

INDICATOR	Faculty Members		Students		Total	
	Mean	**Inter**	**Mean**	**Inter**	**Mean**	**Inter**
1. Whole School Approach has improved students' critical thinking skills.	3.2625	VH	3.2786	VH	3.2750	VH
2. Students demonstrate better problem-solving abilities due to Whole School Approach.	3.2250	H	3.2393	H	3.2361	H
3. The curriculum promotes higher academic achievement.	3.2500	VH	3.2214	H	3.2278	VH
4. Students exhibit greater engagement and interest during lessons.	3.2000	H	3.2429	H	3.2333	H
5. Whole School Approach encourages creativity in student projects.	3.1875	H	3.2964	VH	3.2722	VH
GENERAL COMPOSITE MEAN	**3.2250**	**H**	**3.2557**	**VH**	**3.3444**	**VH**

Legend: 3.25 – 4.00 Very High (VH); 2.50– 3.24 High (H); 1.75 – 2.49 Low (L); 1.00 – 1.74 Very Low (VL)

Table 11 presented the perceived level of impact of the Whole School Approach (WSA) on holistic student development, specifically in terms of Cognitive Development, as assessed by both faculty members and students. The data showed that most cognitive development indicators were rated either "High" or "Very High." Faculty members rated the improvement in students' critical thinking skills as "Very High" (Mean = 3.2625), while students similarly gave a "Very High" rating (Mean = 3.2786). Problem-solving abilities were rated "High" by both faculty (Mean = 3.2250) and students (Mean = 3.2393). Additionally, students gave a slightly higher rating for creativity in projects (Mean = 3.2964) than faculty (Mean = 3.1875). Overall, the students' average rating of cognitive development was "Very High" (Mean = 3.2557), while the faculty was "High" (Mean = 3.2250), with a combined mean of 3.3444—categorized as "Very High."

These results suggested that the Whole School Approach had a considerable positive impact on students' cognitive development. Both groups recognized the enhancement of critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills as a result of WSA implementation. Students' slightly higher ratings could be attributed to their firsthand experiences with WSA-driven, learner-centered strategies in the classroom. The data also indicated that the cognitive gains were not limited to a single skill area but spanned across multiple cognitive domains, reinforcing the comprehensive nature of the WSA model. This further underscored WSA's effectiveness in creating an academic environment that fosters deeper understanding and engagement with complex tasks.

Supporting these findings, Taylor and Brown (2023) found that academic achievement increased by 43% in schools utilizing the Whole School Approach compared to those following traditional models. Their research concluded that WSA fosters critical thinking and interdisciplinary learning by promoting cohesive and inclusive educational strategies. Similarly, Li et al. (2022) reported a 37% rise in standardized test scores in WSA-participating schools, citing marked improvements in comprehension, analytical reasoning, and problem-solving abilities. Both studies affirmed that WSA is instrumental in nurturing cognitive competencies and echoed the results presented in Table 11, reinforcing the conclusion that WSA enhances cognitive development in measurable and meaningful ways.

3.2 Socio- emotional Development

Table 12

Level of Impact on Holistic Student Development in terms of Socio-Emotional Development

INDICATOR	Faculty Members		Students		Total	
	Mean	Inter	Mean	Inter	Mean	Inter
1. Whole School Approach fosters positive relationships among students.	3.1875	H	3.3321	VH	3.3000	VH
2. Students demonstrate better emotional	3.2250	H	3.1964	H	3.2078	H

regulation as a result of Whole School Approach.						
3. There are effective strategies for conflict resolution in the school.	3.1000	H	3.2357	H	3.2056	VH
4. Whole School Approach promotes a sense of belonging among students.	3.1500	H	3.2929	VH	3.2611	H
5. Students feel valued and understood by their peers and faculty.	3.1625	H	3.3107	VH	3.2778	VH
GENERAL COMPOSITE MEAN	**3.2250**	**H**	**3.2829**	**VH**	**3.3580**	**VH**

Legend: 3.25 – 4.00 Very High (VH); 2.50– 3.24 High (H); 1.75 – 2.49 Low (L); 1.00 – 1.74 Very Low (VL)

The table 12 presented the perceived level of impact of the Whole School Approach (WSA) on Affective Development, as evaluated by faculty and students. The findings showed generally "High" to "Very High" ratings across all indicators. Faculty members mostly rated the indicators within the "High" range, such as emotional regulation (3.2250) and sense of belonging (3.1500). Meanwhile, students provided higher ratings in several areas, including fostering positive relationships (3.3321) and students feeling valued and understood (3.3107), both falling under the "Very High" category.

Both groups acknowledged that WSA effectively fostered emotional development, although students perceived a greater level of impact than the faculty. Notably, the general continued mean for students (3.2829) was rated "Very High," compared to the faculty's "High" rating (3.2250). The total average mean of 3.3580 fell within the "Very High" category, reflecting a strong overall perception of WSA's contribution to affective development.

These results suggested that WSA played a significant role in promoting students' emotional well-being and social connections. The approach appeared to encourage supportive peer relationships, emotional self-awareness, and a greater sense of inclusion—key components of affective development. Faculty may have been more conservative in their ratings, possibly due to less direct observation of student emotional responses, but overall alignment in perceptions between both groups reinforced WSA's positive influence.

These findings aligned with the study by Wilson & Cooper (2023), which documented a 46% increase in overall emotional intelligence among students in WSA-implementing institutions. Their research highlighted that students showed significant improvements in recognizing and managing emotions—corresponding with the positive ratings for emotional regulation and the sense of being valued shown in Table 12.

Furthermore, Martinez & Chen's (2022) research supported the findings on conflict resolution and empathy. Their study revealed a 42% improvement in conflict resolution skills and a 44% increase in empathy among students within WSA-focused schools. These outcomes were reflected in the strong student ratings for a sense of belonging and the ability to navigate peer relationships effectively. The literature affirmed that the implementation of WSA contributed to a more emotionally supportive environment, fostering better interpersonal skills and emotional resilience among students. In conclusion, the Whole School Approach positively impacted students' affective development by enhancing social relationships, emotional regulation, and inclusivity—elements vital to holistic education.

3.3 Life-skill /Soft skill Development

Table 13

Holistic Student Development Level in terms of Life Skill/Soft Skill Development

INDICATOR	Faculty Members		Students		Total	
	Mean	**Inter**	**Mean**	**Inter**	**Mean**	**Inter**
1. Whole School Approach enhances students' ability to communicate clearly and effectively.	3.1750	H	3.3679	VH	3.3250	VH
2. Students work well in teams because of the Whole School Approach.	3.2000	H	3.3036	VH	3.2806	H
3. Whole School Approach equips students with skills to handle real-life challenges.	3.1500	H	3.3679	VH	3.3194	VH
4. Students adapt well to new or unexpected situations.	3.1250	H	3.3464	VH	3.2972	H
5. The life skills taught are useful for students' future job and daily lives.	3.1750	H	3.4214	VH	3.3667	VH
GENERAL COMPOSITE MEAN	**3.1650**	**H**	**3.3614**	**VH**	**3.4250**	**VH**

Legend: 3.25 – 4.00 Very High (VH); 2.50– 3.24 High (H); 1.75 – 2.49 Low (L); 1.00 – 1.74 Very Low (VL)

The table 13 presented the assessment of the life skill and soft skill development of students through the implementation of the Whole School Approach (WSA), as perceived by both faculty members and students. Faculty respondents consistently rated the indicators within the "High" category, while students predominantly rated them "Very High," especially in the areas of communication (3.3679), real-life challenge handling (3.3679), and job-related life skills (3.4214).

The overall general mean score of 3.4250 indicated a "Very High" level of life/soft skill development, suggesting that the WSA significantly contributed to improving students' interpersonal, adaptive, and practical competencies. Notably, there was a clear discrepancy in ratings between faculty and students, with students providing more favorable assessments. This implied that students personally experienced the positive effects of WSA on their skill sets, even more than faculty may have directly observed.

These findings concluded that WSA had a strong influence on fostering vital soft skills such as communication, teamwork, adaptability, and real-world problem-solving—skills crucial for success both inside and beyond the academic setting. The approach appeared to be especially effective in preparing students for practical life scenarios and professional environments.

The results corresponded with Rodriguez et al.'s (2022) longitudinal study, which documented a 42% enhancement in good student behavior and a 44% increase in extracurricular participation in schools employing WSA. Their study emphasized that participation in such activities strengthened students' communication, leadership, and collaboration—outcomes reflected in the high student ratings for teamwork and communication in Table 13.

Moreover, Anderson & Lee (2023) highlighted the link between behavioral development and academic achievement. Their research reported a 44% improvement in academic performance and a 47% increase in course completion rates among students with stronger life skills. These findings supported the student ratings for adaptability and real-life problem-solving, suggesting that WSA effectively equipped learners with the resilience and competencies required for long-term success.

Additionally, Wilson et al. (2023) noted that WSA was particularly impactful for diverse student groups. They recorded a 48% increase in classroom adaptation among international students and a 42% rise in social integration for transfer students. This aligned with the strong ratings in communication and teamwork, indicating that WSA promoted inclusivity and collaboration in diverse educational settings.

Problem Number 4. What is significant difference with the assessment of level implementation of the two group of respondents WSA CGC.

4.1 Faculty & 4.2 students

Table 14

Significant Difference Between the Assessment of the Two Groups of Respondents on the Whole School Approach Level of Implementation

INDICATOR	t-value	p-value	INTERPETATION
2.1 Collaboration leadership	2.079	0.038	Reject Ho: Significant
2.2 Supportive school environment	0.571	0.568	Accept Ho. Not Significant
2.3 Strong community partnership	1.046	0.296	Accept Ho: Not Significant

Table 14 presented the results of the independent samples t-test used to determine whether there was a significant difference in the assessment of the level of Whole School Approach (WSA) implementation between teachers and students at CITI Global College. The analysis showed that Collaboration Leadership (Indicator 2.1) had a t-value of 2.079 and a p-value of 0.038, which was below the 0.05 significance level. This indicated a statistically significant difference in how teachers and students evaluated collaboration in leadership within the school.

In contrast, the indicators Supportive School Environment (2.2) and Strong Community Partnership (2.3) had p-values of 0.568 and 0.296, respectively, which exceeded the 0.05 significance threshold. These results suggested that there was no significant difference between the two groups in their perceptions of these areas.

The findings revealed that teachers and students had divergent views regarding collaborative leadership, implying that each group experienced or perceived the leadership dynamics differently. This could have been due to variations in involvement in decision-making, levels of communication, or access to leadership processes.

On the other hand, similar perceptions of the supportive school environment and strong community partnerships across both groups suggested a shared understanding or consistent experiences in those aspects of WSA. This alignment may have reflected consistent implementation practices and shared exposure to school climate and external partnerships.

Overall, the results implied that while the school had succeeded in fostering a supportive environment and maintaining community ties, there was a need to enhance collaborative leadership practices, particularly in making leadership engagement more visible, inclusive, and responsive to all stakeholders.

The significant difference in the perception of collaborative leadership supported the findings of Thompson et al. (2022), who reported that schools utilizing distributed leadership models achieved 45%

better WSA implementation than those with top-down structures. Their study highlighted that perceptions of leadership effectiveness often vary depending on stakeholder roles, particularly when communication and decision-making are not equitably distributed. Anderson and Lee (2023) emphasized that shared decision-making, stakeholder consultation, and transparent communication were core components of successful collaborative leadership. The observed difference in perceptions in this study may have stemmed from gaps in communication or limited student involvement, reinforcing the need for inclusive leadership strategies.

Furthermore, Rodriguez et al. (2023) found that strong collaborative leadership resulted in a 41% improvement in institutional effectiveness, a 38% rise in staff engagement, and a 45% enhancement in student outcomes. These outcomes suggested that bridging the perceptual gap between teachers and students in leadership effectiveness could significantly elevate institutional performance and promote holistic student development.

Problem Number 5. Is there significant difference with the perceived level of impact on Holistic Student Development of the two group of respondents?

Table 15

Significant Difference Between in the Assessment of the Two Groups of Respondents on the Level of Impact on Holistic Student Development

INDICATOR	t-value	p-value	INTERPETATION
2.1 Cognitive Development	0.523	0.601	Accept Ho: Not Significant
2.2 Socio-economic Development	1.962	0.050	Reject Ho: Significant
2.3 Life skills/Soft Skills Development	3.629	0.000	Reject Ho: Significant

***Significant at 0.05

The Table 15 presented the statistical comparison between the assessments of faculty and students regarding the perceived level of impact of the Whole School Approach (WSA) on holistic student development at CITI Global College. It included three key indicators: Cognitive Development, Socio-emotional Development, and Life Skills/Soft Skills Development. The cognitive development indicator yielded a t-value of 0.523 and a p-value of 0.601, which was above the 0.05 significance level, indicating no significant difference between the two groups' assessments. In contrast, socio-emotional development showed a t-value of 1.962 and a p-value of 0.050, while life skills/soft skills development produced a t-value of 3.629 with a p-value of 0.000—both results being at or below the 0.05 significance threshold.

The results indicated that faculty and students shared similar perceptions regarding the impact of WSA on students' cognitive development, suggesting mutual agreement on the benefits of the approach

in enhancing students' intellectual growth. However, the significant difference in assessments regarding socio-emotional development and life/soft skills development implied differing experiences or expectations between the two groups. Faculty members and students might have interpreted the depth, quality, or visibility of WSA's outcomes differently, particularly in areas tied to emotions, communication, adaptability, and teamwork.

These differences suggested a potential gap in understanding or experience of how WSA influenced the more personal and interpersonal aspects of student development. It underscored the importance of bridging this perception gap through more inclusive engagement, feedback loops, and dialogue between students and faculty, to ensure that the implementation of WSA responded effectively to all developmental domains.

The findings on cognitive development aligned with the research of Taylor and Brown (2023), who documented a 43% improvement in academic performance and a 38% rise in critical thinking abilities among students in WSA-implementing institutions. Li et al. (2022) similarly reported a 37% increase in standardized test scores and enhanced metacognitive skills, further supporting the view that WSA was effective in promoting intellectual growth, as reflected by the uniform perceptions of both teachers and students.

On the other hand, the significant differences in socio-emotional development aligned with Wilson and Cooper's (2023) findings, which showed a 46% improvement in emotional intelligence and stronger interpersonal connections through WSA. Martinez and Chen (2022) also noted increases in stress management and conflict resolution skills. These studies emphasized that socio-emotional benefits might be more observable or experienced differently depending on the respondent's role, which corresponded with the differing assessments in the current study.

In the area of life skills/soft skills development, the significant gap in perception was supported by Rodriguez et al. (2022), who found a 47% increase in student engagement and growth in self-regulation and teamwork. These findings reflected the critical role of WSA in shaping personal effectiveness, which students may have felt more directly compared to faculty observations. Overall, these studies reinforced the notion that while cognitive impacts of WSA were universally acknowledged, its personal and social impacts required more intentional alignment and recognition across stakeholder groups for a truly holistic approach to student development.

Problem Number 6. Is there a significant relationship between the level of implementation of WSA and perceived level of impact on holistic student development in CGC?

Table 16

Relationship between the Perceived Level of impact on Holistic Student Development and Whole School Approach in terms of Collaboration Leadership

INDICATOR	Pearson r correlation value	p-value	INTERPREATION
2.1 Cognitive Development	.558 Moderate Relationship	0.000	Reject Ho: Significant
2.2 Socio-economic Development	0.510 Moderate Relationship	0.000	Reject Ho: Significant
2.3 Life skills/Soft Skills Development	0.506 Moderate Relationship	0.000	Reject Ho: Significant

***Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed)

The table 15 presented the correlation between the level of Collaborative Leadership—a core component of the Whole School Approach (WSA)—and the perceived impact on Holistic Student Development, focusing on three dimensions: Cognitive Development, Socio-emotional Development, and Life Skills/Soft Skills Development. The results showed a moderate positive correlation across all three indicators: Cognitive Development (r = 0.558), Socio-emotional Development (r = 0.510), and Life Skills/Soft Skills Development (r = 0.506). All correlations were found to be statistically significant with p-values of 0.000, which were well below the 0.01 level of significance. Thus, the null hypothesis was rejected, indicating a significant relationship between collaborative leadership and each aspect of holistic student development.

The analysis revealed that as collaborative leadership practices increased within the institution, so did the perceived level of impact on holistic student development across cognitive, socio-emotional, and life skill domains. The moderate correlation suggested that while collaborative leadership was not the sole factor influencing student outcomes, it played a meaningful and consistent role in shaping them. These findings confirmed that a shared leadership model—where responsibilities were distributed among school leaders, teachers, and other stakeholders—positively influenced not just student academic performance but also their emotional growth and practical life skills.

This indicated that fostering collaborative leadership structures helped create an environment where support, communication, and collective accountability contributed to a more comprehensive and effective student development process.

The findings supported Thompson et al.'s (2022) study, which found that schools practicing distributed leadership achieved a 45% better implementation rate of whole-school initiatives, emphasizing the practical advantages of shared leadership models. The strong correlation with cognitive development echoed Anderson and Lee's (2023) research, which underlined "collective responsibility for student outcomes" as a core driver of academic growth and student achievement.

Furthermore, the moderate correlations with socio-emotional and life skills development aligned with Martinez and Wong's (2023) conclusions, which highlighted that collaborative leadership enhanced institutional effectiveness by improving student support systems and nurturing holistic growth. Their findings demonstrated how leadership collaboration extended beyond administrative duties to influence emotional resilience, interpersonal development, and real-world preparedness among students.

Overall, these results reinforced the idea that collaborative leadership was an essential pillar of the Whole School Approach, enabling institutions to support students not only intellectually, but also personally and socially, thereby preparing them more fully for life beyond the classroom.

Table 17

Relationship between the Perceived Level of impact on Holistic Student Development and Whole School Approach in terms of Supportive School Environment

INDICATOR	Pearson r correlation value	p-value	INTERPREATION
2.1 Cognitive Development	0.675 Moderate Relationship	0.000	Reject Ho: Significant
2.2 Socio-economic Development	0.619 Moderate Relationship	0.000	Reject Ho: Significant
2.3 Life skills/Soft Skills Development	0.607 Moderate Relationship	0.000	Reject Ho: Significant

***Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed)

Table 17 presented the correlation between the perceived level of impact on Holistic Student Development and the Supportive School Environment dimension of the Whole School Approach. The results revealed moderate positive correlations between the supportive environment and all three domains of student development: Cognitive Development (r = 0.675), Socio-emotional Development (r = 0.619), and Life Skills/Soft Skills Development (r = 0.607). Each of these correlations had a p-value of 0.000, indicating statistical significance at the 0.01 level and supporting the rejection of the null hypothesis.

The findings suggested that the presence of a supportive school environment significantly influenced students' holistic development. Among the three domains, the strongest correlation was observed in cognitive development, indicating that academic outcomes were most impacted when students felt supported and secure. The moderate yet consistent correlations across all indicators implied that students who perceived their school as emotionally, socially, and physically supportive were more likely to develop intellectually, socially, and practically. This affirmed the idea that supportive structures were not only important for academic achievement but also for building emotional resilience and essential life

skills. These results emphasized that fostering a supportive environment was integral to the effectiveness of the Whole School Approach, reinforcing the role of the school climate in shaping well-rounded

The findings aligned Wong's (2023) mixed-methods research, which identified four core aspects of a supportive school environment: physical safety, emotional security, cultural responsiveness, and inclusivity. Wong concluded that these factors collectively contributed to better student outcomes across all dimensions of development. The strong correlation with cognitive development was consistent with Garcia and Santos' (2021) research, which emphasized that structured support systems significantly enhanced academic performance and classroom engagement.

Additionally, the relationships observed in socio-emotional and life skill development supported Thompson et al.'s (2023) conclusions, which stressed the importance of emotionally supportive environments in fostering student growth. Their study highlighted how students in inclusive and affirming school climates demonstrated stronger interpersonal skills, higher motivation, and greater adaptability. The results confirmed that a supportive school environment was not merely a backdrop but a driving force in advancing students' academic, emotional, and personal development. Educational institutions were encouraged to prioritize such environments to optimize the benefits of the Whole School Approach.

Table 18

Relationship between the Perceived Level of impact on Holistic Student Development and Whole School Approach in terms of Strong Community Partnership

INDICATOR	Pearson r correlation value	p-value	INTERPREATION
2.1 Cognitive Development	0. 714 Moderate Relationship	0.000	Reject Ho: Significant
2.2 Socio-economic Development	0.625 Moderate Relationship	0.000	Reject Ho: Significant
2.3 Life skills/Soft Skills Development	0.606 Moderate Relationship	0.000	Reject Ho: Significant

***Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed)

Table 18 displayed the relationship between the perceived level of impact on Holistic Student Development and the Whole School Approach in terms of Strong Community Partnership. The results revealed moderate positive correlations for all three domains: Cognitive Development (r = 0.714), Socio-emotional Development (r = 0.625), and Life Skills/Soft Skills Development (r = 0.606). All correlations had p-values of 0.000, indicating that the relationships were statistically significant at the 0.01 level, thereby justifying the rejection of the null hypothesis.

The findings indicated that Strong Community Partnerships had a substantial and statistically significant impact on holistic student development, with the strongest correlation observed in cognitive development (r = 0.714). This suggested that when schools actively engaged with families, local organizations, and stakeholders, students experienced more meaningful and relevant learning, leading to improved academic performance. The moderate correlations in socio-emotional and life skills domains also implied that these partnerships contributed to broader developmental gains, such as increased student engagement, confidence, and real-life preparedness.

These results affirmed that integrating community resources and relationships into school systems could enrich both academic and personal growth, positioning community partnership as a key pillar of the Whole School Approach.

The strong correlation with cognitive development was consistent with Morrison et al.'s (2022) research, which documented a 38% improvement in academic achievement metrics in schools that established strong, strategic partnerships with community entities. Their findings emphasized the value of connecting classroom instruction with real-world experiences to promote deeper learning and student success.

Additionally, the observed impact on socio-emotional and life skill development supported the results of Rodriguez and Thompson's (2023) longitudinal study. Their research revealed a 47% increase in student engagement rates and emphasized that schools fostering shared responsibility among families, communities, and educators created more supportive environments that strengthened student development across multiple dimensions. These findings underscored the vital role of community involvement in education. Schools that cultivated strong community ties were better equipped to address students' academic needs while also nurturing their emotional and social competencies—ensuring well-rounded, real-world-ready individuals.

Problem Number 7. What action plan can be proposed for enhancing the WSA implementation in CGC?

I. PROJECT TITLE: PROJECT BUKLOD – Building **U**nified **K**nowledge and **L**eadership for **O**ptimal **D**evelopment

II. PROPONENTS: Mrs. Vicenta M. Ocasla

III. RATIONALE:

The Whole School Approach (WSA) is a framework aimed at fostering holistic education by integrating students, teachers, administrators, parents, and the community into the learning process. However, gaps in implementation, lack of stakeholder engagement, and insufficient resources hinder its full effectiveness in CGC.

This action plan is designed to enhance WSA implementation by addressing these gaps through structured, measurable, and time-bound strategies. By leveraging collaboration, capacity building, and resource optimization, CGC can ensure a more effective and inclusive educational environment.

IV. OBJECTIVES:

This project aims to propose strategic actions to improve the implementation of the Whole School Approach (WSA) in CGC by enhancing stakeholder engagement, equipping teachers with necessary methodologies, increasing student participation, optimizing resources, and establishing a monitoring and evaluation system. Through these efforts, the project seeks to create a more collaborative, efficient, and sustainable educational environment.

V. PERSONS/AGENCIES INVOLVED:

- CGC School Administration
- Department of Education (DepEd)
- Local Government Unit (LGU)
- Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)
- Student Leaders
- Community Stakeholders

VI. SOURCE OF FUNDS:

- CGC School Budget
- LGU Educational Grants
- Private Sector and NGO Partnerships
- Community Fundraising Initiatives

VII. DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION: School Year 2025-2026

ACTION PLAN

Project Title	Project Objectives	Time Frame	Activities	Persons/Agencies Responsible	Budget Source	Expected Output
PROJECT BUKLOD – **B**uilding **U**nified **K**nowledge and **L**eadership for **O**ptimal **D**evelopment	Increase stakeholder participation by 50% in WSA-related activities.	June 2025 – March 2026	Conduct regular consultations and meetings with stakeholders; Develop and disseminate informative	CGC Administration, PTA, Community Leaders	School Budget, LGU, Private Sponsors	Enhanced collaboration between school, parents, and community.

			materials on WSA.			
	Equip 90% of teachers with WSA-based teaching methodologies.	July 2025 – February 2026	Organize training workshops and peer-learning sessions.	CGC Administration, DepEd	DepEd Grants, School Budget	Improved teaching strategies and implementation of WSA in classrooms.
	Increase student involvement in WSA programs by 60%.	June 2025 – March 2026	Form student-led committees; Encourage student participation in environmental and wellness initiatives.	CGC Administration, Student Council	School Budget, Fundraising	More student-led initiatives aligned with WSA goals.
	Ensure 100% proper allocation and use of resources for WSA.	August 2025 – February 2026	Conduct resource audits; Partner with local businesses and NGOs for additional funding and support.	School Administration, LGU, Private Sector	LGU, Private Donations	Improved learning environment and sustainability of WSA projects.
	Establish an evaluation system to track WSA progress and effectiveness.	September 2025 – March 2026	Develop key performance indicators (KPIs); Conduct annual review and assessment.	School Administration, Research Team	School Budget	Data-driven improvements in WSA implementation.

The **PROJECT BUKLOD** initiative aims to strengthen the Whole School Approach (WSA) in CGC by increasing stakeholder engagement, enhancing teacher training, promoting student leadership,

optimizing resources, and establishing a comprehensive monitoring system. This will be achieved through strategic partnerships, capacity-building programs, and efficient resource management. By aligning with educational institutions, local government units, and private sector stakeholders, the project ensures a sustainable and well-supported implementation of WSA. Funding sources will include government grants, private sector contributions, and community fundraising efforts. Through these initiatives, CGC aims to foster a more inclusive, efficient, and collaborative learning environment that benefits all stakeholders involved.

5. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This chapter presents a complete summary of the findings, conclusions, and recommendations based on the data gathered and analyzed regarding the implementation of the Whole School Approach (WSA) and its impact on the holistic development of students at Citi Global College.

Summary of Findings

This section presents the key results of the study based on the data gathered from faculty and student respondents. The findings are organized according to the specific statements of the research questionnaire.

1. Profile of Respondents:
   Faculty respondents were mostly female (76.3%), with a majority having less than five years of service (80%) and holding only a bachelor's degree (77.5%). Among students, the gender distribution was fairly balanced, with 51.1% female, 44.6% male, and 4.3% preferring not to say. Most students were enrolled in the STEM (30.7%) and HUMSS (28.6%) strands, and the majority were in Grade 11 (58.6%).

2. Level of Implementation of WSA:
   Both faculty and students rated the Whole School Approach as "Fully Implemented" in terms of collaboration leadership (GM = 3.5250) and supportive school environment (GM = 3.4833). However, for strong community partnership, faculty rated it as "Implemented" (GM = 3.2250) while students rated it "Fully Implemented" (GM = 3.2829).

3. Perceived Level of Impact on Holistic Student Development:
   The overall impact of WSA was rated as "Very High" on cognitive (GM = 3.3444), socio-emotional (GM = 3.3580), and life/soft skills development (GM = 3.4250). Students consistently gave higher ratings than faculty, especially in life and socio-emotional skills.

4. Significant Difference in Assessment of WSA Implementation:
   There was no significant difference between faculty and students in their assessment of cognitive development. However, significant differences were observed in socio-emotional ($p = 0.050$) and life/soft skills development ($p = 0.000$), with students rating these more positively.

5. Significant Difference in Perceived Impact on Holistic Development:

Students perceived a significantly higher impact of WSA in socio-emotional and soft skill development compared to faculty, while both groups showed no significant difference in cognitive development perception.

6. Relationship Between WSA Implementation and Holistic Development:
   A moderate positive correlation was found between the implementation of WSA and the holistic development of students across cognitive (r = 0.558–0.714), socio-emotional (r = 0.510–0.625), and life/soft skills (r = 0.506–0.607), all statistically significant.

6. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the summary of findings and on the treated and analyzed data, the following conclusion was made:

1. The faculty profile indicates a young, predominantly female workforce with limited graduate-level qualifications, while the student body is diverse in strand and gender. This may influence instructional dynamics and learning engagement.
2. The Whole School Approach is successfully implemented in leadership and support systems, but community partnerships—especially parental involvement—require improvement.
3. WSA has a substantial positive impact on holistic student development, particularly in fostering life skills, emotional well-being, and cognitive growth, with students more acutely experiencing these benefits.
4. Differences in perceptions between faculty and students suggest that while both recognize the benefits of WSA, students feel its effects more strongly, especially in personal development areas.
5. Significant perception gaps in socio-emotional and soft skill development highlight the need for more inclusive reflection and feedback processes among stakeholders.
6. There is a meaningful relationship between the extent of WSA implementation and the holistic development of students, validating the model's effectiveness across all developmental domains.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the research findings, the researchers come up with the following recommendations which will similarly reflect on the proposed action plan.

1. Strengthen faculty development programs that promote advanced studies and gender balance. Similarly, continue fostering strand diversity among students with targeted support and career alignment initiatives.
2. Enhance implementation of WSA by increasing student engagement in leadership processes and improving parental involvement through stronger communication and inclusive events.
3. Sustain and expand WSA strategies that target holistic growth, especially soft skills and emotional development, by providing more student-centered and experiential learning activities.

4. Conduct regular consultations and reflective dialogues between students and faculty to align perceptions and enhance mutual understanding of WSA's impact.
5. Integrate formalized mechanisms for feedback and emotional monitoring, allowing both groups to share perspectives on socio-emotional growth and interpersonal challenges.
6. Continue prioritizing collaboration, support, and community engagement as pillars of WSA to ensure comprehensive and lasting benefits in students' cognitive, emotional, and practical skill devel

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