**Issues on Preparing Prospective Principals in Indonesia when Educational Decentralisation is a Policy**

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**Abstracts**

Today, the principal preparation program (PPP) recieves serious attention in many countries around the world including Indonesia. This study aims to explore the issues faced by local governments in this country when preparing prospective principals at their region in a context of education decentralization. This study employed a qualitative research. It interviewed in-depth 10 staff of district education offices from four different districts in Java, Indonesia to collect data. The collected data then was analysed using qualitative data analysis. The results show that there were issues related to human resources, financing and the program design in preparing prosective principals.

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