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EXPLORING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

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ABSTRACT

This study seeks to shed light on the extent to which teacher professional development (TPD) impacts student academic success by exploring the complex link between TPD activities and student learning outcomes (SLOs). This research aims to reveal the multiple processes at play within this connection through a rigorous examination of current literature and empirical data analysis. The study compares several measures of SLOs, including academic achievement, critical thinking skills, and standardized test scores, with other aspects of TPD, such as teacher preparation, subject matter expertise, and instructional strategy improvement. The goal of this study is to offer a detailed understanding of the processes via which TPD interventions affect student learning trajectories by combining qualitative and quantitative techniques. In addition, it examines several demographic and educational environment elements that can modify or mediate the impact of TPD activities on SLOs. The research aims to inform educational policymakers, administrators, and practitioners about the importance of strategic TPD in improving student learning outcomes. It contributes to the ongoing discussion about improving teaching practices globally.