When administrators invest in laboratory education, the school's academic performance and reputation improve. It also reduces dropout rates and increases student motivation, leading to a more vibrant and inquiry-based learning culture on campus.

4. For the Community (Parents, Local Leaders, and Society at Large)

The community serves as both a support system and a stakeholder in the success of the school. Parents, local authorities, and social groups contribute resources, feedback, and advocacy for quality education.

Implications:

- Communities can assist by supporting schools through local fundraisers, donations, or partnerships with educational NGOs and science institutions.
- Parents should be informed and encouraged to take an interest in their children's science education, ensuring regular attendance and participation in lab work.
- Community-led science fairs, exhibitions, or awareness campaigns can promote public appreciation of science education, especially in rural or underserved areas.

When the community actively engages in school activities, children benefit from a stronger learning environment at home and school. Over time, this leads to better-educated, scientifically literate citizens who can contribute to local innovation, health awareness, and sustainable development.

By understanding and acting on these educational implications, all stakeholders can collectively create an ecosystem where science education is no longer confined to textbooks but becomes a dynamic, practical, and empowering experience for students. This aligns with the goals of NEP 2020 and strengthens the foundation of future-ready learners.

5.6 Suggestions for further studies:

- Investigate the impact of laboratory utilization on academic performance through longitudinal studies.
- Compare laboratory usage between private and public schools to identify best practices.
- Explore cost-effective alternatives, such as virtual labs, for resource-constrained schools.

These measures could bridge the gap between infrastructure and effective utilization, enhancing science education outcomes in Bhopal and similar regions.

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