

## **ABSTRACT**

The Czech School Inspectorate (CSI) is the only institution responsible for external evaluation of educational system in the Czech Republic. Its main purpose is improving the quality of education provided.

The aim of the diploma thesis is to describe different CSI's activities and to find out which of them and how influence practice of primary schools in Prague.

The results of the analysis of questionnaires, interviews with some headteachers and **Deputy Chief School Inspector's comment** show that majority of headteacher respondents act upon school inspection report, take inspectors' advice into consideration and follow them.

The CSI also influences schools indirectly:

- by setting Criteria for Evaluation of Conditions, Course and Outcomes of Education
- by stakeholder pressure
- by publishing of numerous outputs
- by means of InspIS SET system

The research shows that most headteacher respondents consider school inspections to be important for them.

## **KEYWORDS**

CSI, external evaluation, primary school, headmaster, managing school, quality school, education quality improvement