

THE LEGACY OF A GOOD EDUCATOR

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“Amidst a strong wind, a peaceful surrounding.”

That’s how we may describe the environment most teachers have been dealing with. It was like a typhoon who strikes unnoticeably. We cannot pretend how long it will last. But still we should be prepared and be positive to survive.

As an educator, a lot of guts and patience should be manifested. In dealing with students who have lots of burden bringing it out surprisingly. We should try to understand why they reacted that way and why they are doing that silly thing, possessing rare manners, the out of this world existence of unusual behaviors and circumstances. So many questions sprouting on our mind, why children or students are behaving the way they not supposed to do. Special skills and talents should be possessed by the teacher to dig down and come up with the right approaches, solutions, and medications to treat those cases of imperfections in terms of the child’s rights and protection are concerned.

A solution that will benefit their future and make them realize that their mistakes and wrongdoings should be set aside and corrected. A hearty prayer is all we need from God’s providence that make us capable enough and competent to deal those heavy rains, the floods of misunderstandings and the winds of uncertainty. To guide those students and lead them to cultivate seedlings of good behavior and equip them with the knowledge that will serve as their armor to their future endeavors. A significant skill they may use as their instrument of hope to pursue their dreams and aspirations and deal with the challenges of life.

Let us inculcate to their minds that time is so precious for them to value and harvest the fruits of today that the world has been offering them. It was a greatest challenge for us, as a teacher, but with God's grace, it will happen.

Let us bear in mind the few words left by the late Cavite Gov. Remulla,

"It is not the things we do, but the things we leave undone, that leaves a bit of heartache, at the setting of the sun."

It takes one courage to pursue and be motivated with an open heart and an open mind. Let us understand those children affected by the typhoons of miseries and miserable lives. Try to reach out to them for the help of their evacuation and survival. Although it's too difficult, we need to offer our hand to rescue them from the effects of their life's disaster.

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