

HOMEWORK, PLEASE STAY!

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It has been a routinary activity inside the classroom when teachers ask pupils to bring out their notebook and copy their homework on the board. This will be checked the following day to determine whether the lesson taught was understood or not. Some learners maybe wondering why homework was always present every after lesson. The number of homework depends on the number of subjects learners had. Thus, in the late afternoon or evening, learners together with their siblings helped answer the homework and even did the elaboration for further understanding of the lesson. This was the cycle of homework in every learner's life during pre-school, elementary, high school, and college years before the existence of senate bill no.1792.

The senate bill no.1792 was introduced by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr. It is an act establishing a non-homework policy for all elementary and junior high schools in the country. It also aims to institutionalize the memorandum Circular No. 392, s. 2010 of the Department of Education.

According to the study in 2009 by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's Program for International Student Assessment or OECD PISA, giving additional time allotted in homework has a great impact on learners' performance. More so it increased the anxiety level that ends to low motivation of learners in school activities. It is also stated in the study that the attitude and productivity of learners towards education decreased. By lessening the number of homework creates more time and bonding with the family.

However, it was observed in the field that even homework given on weekdays is no longer religiously done by most learners. They no longer put extra effort in answering their assignments. The essence of assignments, which is one of the factors in helping mold learners to be responsible and improve time management, is being taken for granted. They forget that getting used to doing their assignments at home will develop responsibility. That communication skills will also hone because they connect with others such as kins parents and friends in sharing ideas. That it is a way of helping learners review, integrate and apply what the learners learned in school thus, follows up learnings. That it builds teamwork, relationships and trust and even develops knowledge-based that will help make better choices in life.

Even research justifies that homework indeed plays a vital role in improving the achievement of learners in terms of the results of exam and grades. It is indicated in studies that learners spending time doing their homework got higher grades compared to those who do not.

Indeed, homework is essential in molding learners who will be leaders of tomorrow. So, homework please do stay.

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