A PERSONAL POSITION ON CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

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It was stated that your right ends where the rights of others begin. How can the teachers exercise their rights if these students do not know where their rights end?

Quite a number of criticism have been poked and read on today’s learner’s behavior. On social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other blogs, or even on small group sharing among teachers, some of them expressed their revolting opinion on learners’ habits and attitude towards school in general - the teachers, peers, and study habits, and one of the common factors that these teachers speak of is the implementation of the Child Protection Policy.

It could be viewed that pupils’ respect towards school nowadays have declined. Teachers in school lose power in the conduct of discipline because they might cross border between the fine line of child protection and child abuse. All educational institutions both public and private shall build the capacities of school personnel, pupils, students, and parents to understand and deal with the child abuse, exploitation, violence and discrimination cases, bullying and peer violence. Even the Philippine Constitution states that it shall protect the right of children to assistance.

With these, Child Protection Policy is constitutional and is only rightful. However, the question on how to impose discipline on misbehaving pupils still remains. These students already know their rights but seems to be blinded to their responsibilities and duties in school. It is especially when most of the teachers’ nemesis to discipline are the parents who fall short of control.
In view of all these, Child Protection Policy is rightful and just. Children cannot defend themselves from the hazards that the adults might inflict them. Therefore, parents and teachers must work together in order to protect these young and fragile minds and must equally educate them of their responsibilities and duties at home and in school. Letting them know their rights is better and teaching them their responsibilities is best.

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