A SCHOOL LEADER DURING PANDEMIC

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Now that we are in the midst of an unanticipated pandemic brought by Corona Virus, the school is facing greater challenges and one of those is school leadership. Being the prime mover of the educational institution, the school principal or school administrator is being bestowed with gigantic tasks which are vital in running the school and in assuring quality education in this time of uncertainty.

A school leader primarily ensures that the people he or she leads is safe from the occurring infectious disease by implementing safety protocols and practices in the workplace particularly in the school. This entails the usage of sanitizers and disinfecting agents in the school facilities and wearing protective gears within the school premises. This would also mean that the teaching and non-teaching personnel are well-oriented and well-provided with the safety measures in order to avoid the acquisition of the said virus.

The school leader is highly expected to realize accurate and fast actions in giving updates regarding the school reports to be submitted and webinars to be attended by the teaching and non-teaching employees. There are numerous important reports and information that need to be submitted for they will be the bases for planning and decision-making in the education sector. Further, the teachers and other personnel need to be trained for the new set-up of teaching and working respectively through the webinars.

A school leader also needs to work for the realization of learning and teaching materials. The teachers need instructional materials to better guide the students in their education. On the other hand, the students need modules and other work activity sheets for learning. The school principal or school administrator has to find and make ways that
the instructional materials are sufficient for teachers and the learning materials are enough for the students.

The school leader should also establish strong and consistent connection and communication with the parents and guardians. In this time, the school needs the cooperation and participation of these people in order to better guide the students in their search and discovery of new ideas and information. Having a partnership with parents or guardians would increase their involvement in the school and in the education of their own children.

A school leader must seek the support of the Local Government Units particularly of the barangay and municipal offices most especially in this time of pandemic. These well-trusted government officials are dependable and supportive to the school goals, objectives, activities and projects.

Being a school leader is not an easy role but it may become more relevant and more realistic if the school principal or school administrator is doing the best for the welfare of the teachers, students and all other stakeholders in the realization of better service and quality education.

Let the school leader play a very motivating and coordinating role in response to education in this time of COVID 19 crisis.

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