ABSENTEEISM

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Education is believed to be very important as it can change the life of an individual into something different. It can be a tool to stop the nasty cycle of poverty and improve the life of everyone. Thus, attending school on a regular basis is very important. However, absenteeism is prevalent among pupils especially those who live in the poverty line. It is still considered a major concern and problem of educators which adversely affects the performance of learners.

There are loads of information generating tools or entities such as the internet, libraries, newspapers, magazines, survey results and a lot more that could be of reference in relation to the basic reasons why children habitually stay away from school. It would be wise to ponder on the possible explanations of this behavior based from scholarly observations in order for the authorities to resolve the issue if not, to lessen the numbers.

Absenteeism could be caused by factors such as fixated adolescence, lack of interest, teacher factor, pampered, private Couching, diseases, lack of infrastructures, and entertainment.

Fixated adolescence could cause absenteeism in a way that as the learners develop physically and emotionally, fear also develops. There could be a stage wherein pimples emerge so as turbulent emotions accompanying adolescent stage of development. This could scare them away from school where at some point bullying lurks.

Lack of interest of the learners in the study could also be one of the many possible reasons of absenteeism. This could be a result of difficulty in comprehending and grasping complex concepts or because of teacher approaches that could be not
understood by the learners which could lead to losing their interest in schooling. Castigatory attendance policy also plays a big role in this lack of interest.

Another reason could be too much pampering from the family. This may sound silly but this happens in real life scenario where parents give excessive monetary allowance which leads the learners to skip school since they needed more time to spend the money. This is where another factor comes in – entertainment. Because learners had a lot to spend, cinemas, computer shops, restaurants, billiard halls and the like attracts pupils. Learners also take more time in basketball courts and on other infrastructures that the school lacks.

Lastly, absenteeism could be caused by diseases which is very ordinary in the educational setting. There are reports such as the form 137 of the Department of Education (DepEd) showing that sickness or diseases constitutes the highest factor of pupil absences.

Absenteeism results to poor quality of education for the time lost inside the school. It could also lead to moral degradation which could arise to other common social disorders such as drug abuse or unruly behavior.

If you are to remedy this issue before it kills the youth of the motherland, from the given reasons, what could you possibly do, regardless of who you are?