ANOTHER IRONY IN TEACHER’S LIFE

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The lives of teachers are very ironic. They hone and inspire students to choose the best career for them. Teachers tell their students to be employed in jobs with high salary yet they earn a little enough for modest living. Sometimes, they preach things that they do not always do. They want their students to behave properly during class discussions but teachers themselves do not stay quiet and listen while they are in trainings or other gatherings.

Another additional irony in teachers’ lives is the implementation a recent policy about not giving assignments on weekends. The Department of Education (DepEd) has expressed its support for the no-home work bills proposed at the House of Representatives. They said that the policy would allow students to find balance between their academic development and personal growth by having ample time for enjoyable activities. (Paris, 2019)

Homework on weekends and voluminous assignment on weekdays has really brought negative effects to students. Many say these take home requirements and activities steal the only time the children have to socialize with their family, relatives and their friends. In addition to, children take sleepless nights and find no time to relax from school works which cause them physical, mental and emotional health issues.

The said policy is a regulation that teachers follow to provide students enough space to have a break from strenuous school activities and to have ample time to mingle with their families while ironically missing their own to spend precious moments with their children and loved ones. It is quite comic to think that the department promotes providing decent home time for the students while taking away one for the teachers who
are the frontliners in the delivery of quality education because of too many teaching-related and inter-agency tasks and assignments given to them. They may have some hours to use in accomplishing these tasks at the work place but it is not enough so they have to bring things to finish at home and to comply at the pressuring deadlines. With no choice, they lose time for the family.

Policies like this are formulated and implemented by department to promote the best interest of all. Whatever programs and policies the higher authorities cascade down to the teachers, they will wholehearted carry out them with the highest level of responsibility in order to effectively perform their duties and responsibilities.

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