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Last June 4, 2018, the Education Department formally opened public school classes all over the archipelago for Balik Eskuwela 2018, except those in Marawi who still needs lots or patching-ups and renovations. Public school teachers with their newly ironed uniform and newly shined shoes welcomed students and their parents with wide smiles full of positivity to welcome the new Academic Year 2018-2019. And just like any other class openings, there are lots of usual or common “First Day of School” incidents that happen almost every year, observed and expected by every school personnel.

During the first day for primary levels, pre-elem to grade 3, expect lots of tears shedding from toddlers who don’t want to be left alone by their guardians. They cry their hearts out in plead of not getting unaccompanied at school. Their tantrums seem to be music to the whole primary building. Only one child cries, and the whole classroom cries too. Imagine the struggle a primary teacher experience in her first day of service for another school year? Yet he/ she still manage to give a warm and sincere smile. How tough!

And who says only primary levels got problems during the first day? You might not know how misbehaved intermediate students are, especially during the first day when they are searching for their former classmates row per row. Most if not all of them are not yet formally enrolled, and will just get themselves enrolled on the first day consuming not just time but also energy of their new teacher. Can you envision how stressful those instances are for an intermediate teacher on her first day? Very nerve-wracking right? Yet they still manage to smile widely and warmly. That’s grace under pressure!
Balik Eskuwela is one of the most terrifying yet most memorable moment for a learner that is why educators and other school personnel give their best in making it possible every school re-opening. No matter how bad the situation maybe, like not so good weather and incomplete facilities, a teacher will always be the source of positivity in the whole learning bay, contagiously transferred to every student for a more fun and exciting teaching-learning scheme throughout the school year. How noble the teaching profession is, is beyond compare and measure. Kudos to all Filipino Educators!