It has been a common observation that teachers are deployed to schools far from their homes. One time I asked an employee what is the reason behind it. The teacher said several justifications. One is that the teacher can not just simply choose a school where he/she wants to go to. If the school does not have a need for a teacher with a specific forte, this pertains to secondary school teachers having major subjects, then the teacher will be assigned to a school that requires his/her expertise. With that, the teacher at times is assigned to a school far from home. Another is that the deployment to far off school gives them the benefit of being trained for higher positions. These teachers may opt to vie for positions such as principals or maybe even division superintendents and these posts often entail being sent to schools or divisions far from home where the vacant position is available. But come to think of it, there is a great advantage of working closer to home.

Antwerp World Diamond Center stated four advantages of working closer to home.

_Saving time is the most important factor_

If a teacher is able to save time in commuting or traveling to the school, more time can be spent in checking tests, making lesson plans and recording scores for grade computations. In addition to that the teacher can spend more quality time with the family thus boosting his/her morale thus being inspired to work better because he/she feels better due to the family bond.
Social life will also receive a nice boost

One factor that a common teacher would agree on is that they no longer have good social life. Why is that? Most of the day they spend inside the classroom taking care of students. When they get home they also have to do over time work updating records and checking test papers. If the teacher can save time traveling, then they will be able to put in a bit of time to go out and enjoy what the environment has to offer. As the adage goes all work and no play makes Juan a dull boy. Every now and then the teacher needs a breather from work so as to recharge the aching muscles and brain cells due to tedious work. Meeting friends and having a good conversation with them is a great way to do so.

You will be able to work more productively

The time saved from commuting or traveling can be used in checking papers or writing lesson plans. The teacher will have enough time to prepare visual aids or surf the net for new strategies in teaching the lesson. This creates a better performance in the part of the teacher and the students will be able to enjoy the classes rather than just being bored from the long litany of the teacher in front. More activities can me conceptualized and the teacher may be able to innovate lessons because he/she has more time to think and not being tired of riding the bus going to school and home.

The environment will benefit

Commuting through buses, jeepneys and tricycles for long hours as we all know creates an impact to the depleting status of our environment. If the teachers can reach the school either through walking, biking, or electronic bikes for that matter, then the environment will have less pollution to take care of. At the same time, teachers who are visible to the community serves as good motivators for students to come to class every day. People of the community will have more time to interact with teachers and are able
to air out their concerns about their child at school or ask information about school activities. The community will then be more involved with the school.

The teacher being closer to home will be better in performing his/her profession thus producing better students.

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