BOSY, JUNE OR AUGUST?

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Since time immemorial, school opening in the Philippines is during the first or second Monday of the month of June, every after Summer and Flowers-of-May season. It is when parents started their annual routine of buying new school stuff for their kids like bag, notebooks, pens and the like, including umbrellas, boots and raincoats to get them ready for the rainy season that is tagged along with months of June, July and August in the Philippine Archipelago. However, Senator Escudero proposed the synchronization of Class Reopening from June to first or second week of August but not later than first week of September as per Senate Bill 1432.

Just last month the whole island of Luzon was blitzed and barraged with non-stop heavy rains brought directly by series of LPAs affecting the movement of southwest monsoon. Heavy rains produced lots of maladies like uncontrollable flashfloods, and treacherous landslides and undeniable dangers to people, forcing the local government officials to declare suspension not just of classes at all levels, but also private and public labor and manpower- for everyone’s safety and protection.

Class Suspensions amounted to almost two long weeks of zero teaching and learning scheme, causing undeniable time frame scuffle and struggle both for teachers and students versus their lessons for the first quarter. Teachers and students are then mandated to have Saturday classes or extra teaching hours for a month or two to at least compensate to the loss.

With such dilemma, higher ups of the Education Department are bombed with lots of unsolicited suggestions and advices from different people and netizens to move the Beginning of School Year from June to August like other Universities and Colleges.
This is to prevent numerous class suspensions glued to June and July, the start of rainy seasons in the Philippines.

The Department of Education however remained silent in the issue of moving the BOSY from one month to another, and stick with the usual June BOSY. “We don’t have plans to move the calendar as of this time,” said Briones in a phone interview with the Manila Bulletin. Though, class suspensions really affect the first quarter of classes, DepEd is certain that with the knowledge and skills each teacher of the Education Department possessed, every single lesson left will be tackled and undertaken before the first Quarter Exam. Teachers are the most flexible entity in the academe as they can adjust to changes really quick and with patent excellence- that’s Grace Under Pressure; one thing only teachers can magnify even at the extent of stress, hassle and tension.

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