CLASS EXTENSION, REDUCTION OF ATTENTION

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Indeed, the teachers’ task is to ensure that each learning task and competency assigned by the curriculum will be accomplished through the given timeline. There are factors affecting this task of the teacher. One of those is the cancellation of the classes due to inclement weather. Classes are suspended many times. We cannot blame the local government because they were just after the safety of the pupils as well as the teachers. But in effect, the number of days that the specific number of task must be taught becomes less giving the teachers to think of some other solutions to this problem. One of these is the class extension.

This class extension extends an hour from usual the usual schedule. It provides an extra hour for some competencies that must taught on the specific timeline. The number of days the class will extend will vary on the number of suspended classes.

As a Grade 1 teacher for 10 years, I observed that the attention span of the pupils were short. Pupils’ attention is limited compared to the intermediate and secondary student. The usual schedule for the Grade 1 student is from 7:30 PM – 3:00 PM. The extension of class for the pupils will make them feel bored or sometime inattentive on the activities teachers are executing on the class. Their mind focuses not on the lesson or activities but on what time will they be at home and do stuffs they really want to do.

It is really a challenge for the teachers to make learning meaningful despite of this behaviour shown by the pupils. We cannot blame them because their attention span is really limited. But despite of this, we are all 21st century teachers. Whether we agree or not, we must accept the challenge because whatever changes happen, we are teachers, we
are flexible. We are trained to be well-rounded. We do not look for problems on challenges but we look for remedies on those gaps we see.

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