DOUBLE-EDGED SOURCE

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If sword is for the ancient soldiers, every Social Studies Teacher is equipped with SOURCE. Facts, news, and pertinent data on social issues require a reliable source to be deemed valid and credible.

Like a double-edged sword, sources can have both favorable and unfavorable consequences to the teacher and students. In giving information, teachers should take an extra care on matters that may directly affect the decision making of the students. It is just fair to say, that students happen to believe on what they hear from their teachers. So, taking from there, teachers should verify first the veracity of anything and everything to be delivered or shared to the students.

Simply put, a reputable statement must come from a reputable source.

The basic rule-set that can be applied in classroom teaching regarding “good source” is to rely on primary and official source as the first shot.

As a Social Studies Teacher, we are expected to be updated on the interesting array of currents events. From natural catastrophe to human activities, every student deserves to be informed. A well-informed student will think, feel and act in conformity with the situation.

Since fake news proliferated on various platforms, especially on Facebook, where students are so active, teachers can help prevent the continued spread of misguided information.
Teachers are advised, at all times, to play a vital role in the responsible dissemination of information. We have Facebook pages that teachers and students can visit to get an official announcements and developments.

Listed below are some sources that can be used by Social Studies Teachers and that can be followed by the students.

1. DepEd Philippines
2. Radio Television Malacañang - RTVM
3. DOST_pagasa
4. PIA-Bataan
5. DILG Bataan
6. Provincial Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Office of Bataan
7. Department of Health (Philippines)

Just one click away, we become an informed citizen with the ability to spot what is real.

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