EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AS A NECESSITY FOR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

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Teaching as a profession requires a lot of time and effort. There are instances that teachers need to take home their paper works because of having tons of works that cannot be finished at school. Sometimes, they have no more time for other activities because of being too busy and doing an educational research seems impossible because of their workloads. If they conduct researches, some of them do it for promotion, as an imperative and not a need.

According to Dr. Hairy Salleh (2014), the complexity in every classroom in which they operate provides a compelling reason for teachers to look more closely into their own teaching practice and one way for them to do so is to conduct research, right in their own classroom. This would be a great help because once the problem was identified, the teacher would find solutions to resolve the dilemma. Conducting research inside their own classroom is a very effective practice to provide quality education to their students.

Teachers must single out a problem that needs to be examined in which the findings will create an impact in the teaching and learning process. No matter how heavy their workloads are, teachers must still consider an option to conduct a research because it is a need to identify which are the things that need to be addressed and solved. If the problems would not be identified immediately, it can worsen the situation which can compromise the welfare of the students and even the school as a whole. Research opens many doors for improvement and development.
Professor Kit Field (2011) stated that education professionals are always learning, finding out things, analysing information, adapting their behaviour according to the information received, looking to improve and adapting to modern demands. All of these constitute to research in able to improve education standards and quality of teaching. Research can also help fit the individual needs of the learners and more things in educational system will be discovered which can lead to the improvement of education.

More researches are needed most especially nowadays in able to cope with the fast-changing world. Almost every year, there are new trends in education and teachers must be aware of the changes being brought by the educational system in the Philippines. Through research, teachers and schools would be updated of the current issues, problems and trends of education and they will not be left behind.

British Educational Research Association (BERA) (2011) asserted in a report that teachers need to be encouraged and allowed opportunities for proper academic research into education for the enhancement of their practice. This can actually help identify the advantages and disadvantages of different educational practices, thus, can result into a high-performance educational system. They will be able to identify what the students need for their holistic development.

Teachers must not see research only as a requirement needed to comply for promotion purposes. Conducting research may cost a lot of time, effort, money and tight time management but they must look at the positive side. Doing research is one of the best ways in determining the existing problems and how these will be resolved, thus, teachers must conduct it for improving the quality education that they offer for clienteles and not only for promotion.
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