“ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING REFORM, A KEY TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE”

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EXCELLENCE. Let us say, everyone in this world is aiming to be the BEST.

We do not settle in just becoming a better person, but to be outstanding in everything we do. Our ego and pride continuously drive us to be the superlative form of everything.

A saying tells us, Change is the only permanent thing in this world. It is true. In just a blink of an eye, something may change. In this world full of surprises, no doubt change is normal. We didn’t even feel transformations, but I believed, it is really ordinary.

In the education system that we have these days, we can feel the change. From the old curriculum to the newest K-12 curriculum with the trend of Senior High School and others. Now, is it also time to have a reform in the English Language Teaching? As what I have said, change is permanent. The students we have in our generation now are extremely different from the old generation. We are now encountering the 21st century students or what we call the “millennials” students who are inclined to technology, social networking sites, gadgets and others that will satisfy their curiosity.

What is academic excellence? Is it how high our grade is? Or is the number of competitions we won? It is much more than that. We often say that getting good grades or being on Top of the class is what academic excellence is about. But it is the process of education we go through. From learning the basics to answering the standardized tests and being on the highest rank – all of these give us a potential to be a good human being.
It gives us with the strong foundation of knowledge we require to build our building of life.

If we will not develop our educational system, do you think we can achieve academic excellence? If we still rely on the traditional way of teaching and learning process, do you think, we can achieve academic excellence? Do you even think that we are suited to be globally competitive individuals? K-12 aims that every learner should be acknowledged worldwide. Filipinos should stop being one of the poorest countries but to be one of the best countries in the world. One of the reasons why our educational system has changed into a different perspective. Illiteracy should STOP. Everyone should know how to read and write. Not only that, but to understand, to comprehend and to be able to present themselves confidently in public.

Simple. We want to be globally excellent right? I believe that the key in becoming an excellent individual worldwide is through having an excellent teaching and learning process in the English language. How can we be comparable to other countries if in the first place, we do not know how to use the language or the language that we are learning up to this very moment has no reform, no improvement at all? Let us not be blinded and carried by our past that we stay there, we should move forward and find a brighter light that will help every individual to be excellent.

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