FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN PUBLICS SCHOOLS

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Once again Netizens were triggered! Just a couple of months back the internet was on fire due to the debates of the online people regarding the addition of foreign language to K-12 curriculum, it is noted that just recently, the Supreme court came out with a ruling that states that Filipino subjects can now be removed from the core subjects in college education. That issue earned so many different opinions and comments that it even became trending for some time. Now another issue arises regarding the education system.

Many Netizens criticized the decision to include several foreign languages in the K-12 curriculum. the Special Program in Foreign Language (SPFL) aims to teach students different languages like Mandarin, Nihongo, French, German, and Korean. These are the languages that the Department of Education deems useable and beneficial to students due to the employment opportunities on the given counties,

There is no real issue with this new policy, in fact, learning new languages are very advantageous for the future generation. It can be the gateway to job offers abroad. The debate however is that is it really politically correct to remove our own language from the curriculum and then incorporate other languages instead? Is it not as if we are forsaking our own native tongue for another?

The sentiments of netizens were the same stating that the Department of Education bias and partial to foreign language. The DepEd countered this by saying that SPFL “helps learners develop skills in listening, reading, writing, speaking, and viewing that are fundamental in acquiring communicative competence in a second foreign language.”
And that it “aims to enhance the ability of learners to engage in meaningful interaction in a linguistically and culturally diverse global workplace.”

There great points to be taken into consideration here, although the notion itself can strum the strings of guitar the wrong way, it is through though that by learning another language and culture can help with the globalized educational standards. Studies showed that people tend to gravitate and trust people (foreigners) that knows their language. Just think of how fascinating it is to see a Korean speaking our language Filipino so badly, but the effort is well received.

Can not deny that education is growing globally and that despite our want to keep to ourselves. The department of Education is correct, that by proper implementation this elective subject can prepare our students for a globally diverse workplace and environment.

Regarding the disrespect and ignoring our own language, I beg to differ. Filipino is still being thought to high schools and primary schools within the whole country. It is just in collage that the subject is removed. Although indeed very shady of them to actually remove it, still let us move pass that and into the idea that no matter what, Filipino as a language will continue on, as long as well speak it every single day and use it. The fear of the language being forgotten is uncalled for. Have faith with the youngsters, surely there are a couple of them that will choose to master the language and be a Makata.

Learning new things doesn’t mean that the old lessons will be forgotten. Learning is an accumulation of new information and knowledge. That is just the way it is.

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