GEARING TOWARDS PURPOSIVE CHANGE

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The current age has required humanity to constantly change. Evidently, everything changes in just a snap if not, then in a long run. Hence, people have to be open-minded, accommodating or just plain receptive of the things that come along with the tide of change. As often heard, “what is true today may not be true tomorrow.” This famous adage accentuates the need for growth. If we will remain immobile and complacent, we will not reach the stage in life when self-satisfaction completes our being. Whatever profession that we have, we must enter the course of improvement. Otherwise, we will not be of better contribution to the group of individuals or a company that we are part of. Our skills need enhancements, fortification, and modification. Likewise, our minds need refilling which will enable us to fully serve our purpose.

DepEd, for that matter, has been an advocate of change. As point of fact, it is a product of change per se. Therefore, the school heads, teachers and all other personnel have to go through escalating levels. Children are changing; and so should we, teachers. We have to keep abreast so as to better serve our clienteles, our students or pupils. One way of leveling up the playing field is taking the principal’s test.

NQESH, also known as National Qualifying Examination for School Heads (now termed as Principal’s Test), is a principal’s test which serves a mechanism for the selection of competent school heads in the public basic education sector. The National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP) administers and conducts the test in coordination with the Schools Division Offices (SDOs) through the Regional Offices (ROs). Passing the Principals’ test is one of the requirements to be appointed as a principal.
To embrace change, to challenge myself and to better serve the society, I took a step forward on my profession. I took the said examination. Fortunately, the result of NQESH 2016 was positive and gave a major impact on my professional career. I still remember how I prepared for it. It was June, 2016 when I submitted my online application and supporting documents for the test. The examination was initially scheduled on November 6, 2016 but it was rescheduled in December and the test was finally administered last April 9, 2017. The postponement on the schedule worked on my favor because it gave me time to read review materials. After five months of waiting, the result was released last September 12, 2017. I’m blessed because I’m one of the 388 (2.22%) examinees who were able to successfully hurdle the examination out of 17,455 who took it nationwide. It is true that, “The longer you wait for something, the more you’ll appreciate when you get it. Everything worth having, is definitely worth waiting.” God knows how I prepared and prayed for it. I’ve always thanked Him for giving me the wisdom during the time when I took the examination. The saying, “Do your best and God will do the rest,” was proven to me. God makes everything happen at the right time.

Now, it is time to give back by continuously doing our best for the betterment of the educational system. On my journey as a leader, I will always be reminded that God chose me to become a school administrator because He sees something in me, that I have a mission to accomplish, that I can be an agent of change, that I have a mission to accomplish, that I can be an agent of change, that I can contribute something for the good of our learners, that I can be an inspiration to others. And lastly, be humble in every achievement, whether personal or professional aspect of life. As the saying goes, “Be like a tree. Stay grounded. Connect with your roots. Turn over a new leaf. Bend before you break. Enjoy your unique natural beauty. Keep growing.”
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