HOME VISITATIONS: DROP OUT FACTORS

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It may be true that the teacher is one factor that causes in our school today, but there are other factors. A certain percentage of dropouts appear in school performance indicators almost every year. The problem of dropouts is not so serious in the Central and big schools where students were given opportunity and advantages. However, this not all true in areas were students were stricken with factors such as distance from school, attitude of parents, change of residence, illness and poverty.

These insights were gathered from interviews made with parents from various home visitations conducted over the years.

DISTANCE FROM THE SCHOOL - pupils eventually dropped themselves out from schools where distance is too far from home. Their eagerness to learning and formal education would in due course be smothered by the daily long and tiring hike to and from school.

CHANGE OF THE RESIDENCE - there are various reasons why parents choose to transfer residence. They often crave for greener pastures for economic and financial freedom. However, due to the lack of the available resources to request for forms needed for school transfer, pupils end up dropped outs. This could only be one scenario in a variation of effects of residence transfer to pupils’ schooling patterns.

POVERTY - The majority of the Filipino people are still poor. Indigent students cannot buy materials needed in school like paper, notebooks, ballpen, and other materials. Moreover, they can’t buy uniforms to wear in school. This kind of students eventually quit school.
ATTITUDE OF PARENTS- Parents who are not into education and illiterate usually do not have interest in the education of their children. Some parents want their children to help with the household chores and work. Some even pressure their children to work in order to earn.

ILLNESS- The poor physical health of students is most important in causing dropouts. They usually commit series of absences prior to dropping out.

The school has the responsibility to reduce dropout rates. All efforts are exhausted such as the conduct of home visitations to bring down the rates to zero. However, it is an equal and shared responsibility with the parents or guardians at home. They should joint effort to solve the problem.

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