HOW LEADERSHIP AFFECTS STUDENTS’ LEARNING?

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Effective leadership has a huge impact to students’ learning. The leadership experiences the student had and the kind of leadership he has received will impact his acceptance of learning and how he will thrive in his higher years in school. Usually, student leaders are more confident learners. Those who are led effectively by their teachers or mentors and student leaders tend to become confident learners in the future.

Which type of leadership works well to produce confident learners? This is one question that remains fully unanswered. In general, however, those led by leaders who are motivators tend to demonstrate higher cognitive ability, more self-confidence, and are more motivated than others. Student leaders who were groomed to be like this kind of leader also succeed more than others who were not mentored with nourishing leadership.

There are differences in personality, skills, physical attributes, and cognitive ability among student leaders. Studies show that teachers usually pick up student leaders based on their academic abilities. Some others choose students with very strong personality or those who are of control group. The academic performance of these students increased after being picked to be a leader. Their rank in class elevated and they became more confident as ever.

There are students who, at the outside, would not demonstrate obvious leadership skills but there are teachers who are so discerning that they see the swan inside the duckling. These kinds of students also increase confidence and improved academic performance when they were given the opportunity to hold leadership positions.

It is of utmost importance that all students be given equal chances on leadership posts. Sometimes, even those tagged as irresponsible would show amazing
transformation once trust and confidence were given to them. Of course, there might be some exceptions. Teachers as we are, a holistic approach to helping students maximize their potentials is still desirable.

Providing leadership opportunities inside the classroom, be it in your class, or for extra-curricular activities will surprise you. You will be amazed on how your students get out of their box or bloom in the most unexpected ways you might not even have imagined.

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