IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR TEACHERS

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“Education is our passport to the future for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.”

That was the statement mentioned by Malcolm X to which I would totally agree. It is through education that we prepare ourselves to a more challenging world and it is also through it that we become equipped of the necessary knowledge, skills, and other competencies we will need to be proactive citizens and productive nation shapers.

As teachers, we are performing a very significant role in the community to where we belong. Teachers are the ones who shape and inspire young minds who will be the future of their generations. With this in mind, we, teachers, should continuously develop ourselves in order to stretch our potentials and render the best of our services to the nation. The world is abruptly changing and we need not to become stagnant and outdated. Obsolescence would be tantamount to downfall and uselessness.

In this sense, teachers should not cease to learn especially now that the world is getting more competitive. Moreover, students today are becoming more knowledgeable about things around them since internet is also just at the end of their fingertips. To support this claim, Gross (2015) underlined that as the student demographic transforms, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) must evolve their practices to change with it. However, this idea is applicable not only to HEIs but also to every member of the education system. Are we going to allow the thought of being left behind? As a visionary teacher, the answer should be a firm “no”.

In order to be globally competitive, to be makers of change or difference, or to be effectors of personal development, one of the wisest things to do is to invest in education. This belief can also be deemed with the idea of Benjamin Franklin, as cited by Johnson (2014), that if a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him because an investment in knowledge always pays the best interest. Education only requires what we have but could give us more than what we gave. Personal development is the key to living a successful life.

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