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As education progresses, the product regresses. Education is continuously improving through the years. A new curriculum is developed every time there is a need. New strategies are being introduced to facilitate teaching and learning process. Teachers are sent to training and seminars that will sharpen their skills and concepts for the new school year. They are even aiming for additional knowledge and ideas by pursuing Master’s Degree. However, students’ performances are gradually decreasing every year.

According to Isaac Asimov, “the saddest part of life right now is that Science gathers knowledge faster than the society gathers wisdom.” Science gives a lot of useful inventions to people, but people are gradually becoming lazy and useless. And that spells the difference between yesteryears’ education and today’s product. The creator of technologies and these machines are geniuses and intelligent. They did not allow people to work hard on things that are necessary and they are becoming significant in their own perceptions. As a result, they are not striving for new knowledge, because they experienced security.

The application of this situation in the field of education is wide. Let us cite teacher and student as examples. Teachers are the ones who accumulate data to become meaningful information in order to transfer to the learners. They study the lesson very carefully and think for appropriate strategy to attack the topic. They are the ones who assemble strategies and will find technique to execute the lesson upon using inductive or deductive method of teaching. They also prepare materials, devices, and technologies like computer and projector. In
short, they planned very well. At the end they are expecting all students to learn, but students are slowly acquiring wisdom. Sometimes, they ignore the preparation of the master of the classroom.

The increasing number of slow readers is also one of the evidences. In this new generation where most students are considered digital native, it is alarming that some are reading very slow. There are some students who are not able to comprehend what they read.

The presence of students who are difficult to use basic operations like addition and subtraction is also an alarming situation. Today where technology is all over the world, where learning is accessible to all, it is disappointing to know that some are experiencing difficulty in adding or subtracting numbers, and the worst they do not know how to multiply or divide.

With new devices for teaching and additional interventions for leaners, learning still doesn’t show ease and comfort nowadays. Learners are out of focused instead of giving hundred percent of their attention to study. As a result, not everybody is learning the way curriculum planners and teachers designed.

Education seems to be a battlefield. Everyone is battling for their own life (education). Everyone must fight to secure a better future, but not all are defending their weapons. Teachers are always combating illiteracy by means of imparting what is needed by the young Filipinos, but these students are neglecting the effort of the teachers. It is ironic that teachers are becoming more intelligent, yet the outcomes are suddenly becoming incompetent. inventions and new ideas to become 21st century teachers.