K-12 PROGRAM...EASY YET DIFFICULT

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As the Department of Education yearn to uplift the present quality of education that we have today and to make our basic education stronger and better founded, the new K-12 curriculum came up and now we are ready on its second year – Grades 1 and 2 in the elementary and Grades 6 and 7 in the Secondary.

With the noblest intentions of developing better graduates who can more globally competitive, Philippine schools are now trying hard to make the K-12 curriculum work as it is expected.

However, it seems that schools are still lacking when it comes to basic needs to meet up the standards of the K-12 program.

In my experience, as I teach grades 1 and 2 (combination of class), I find the new curriculum very challenging.

For one, we do not have enough resource materials – books, references and the like. Our teacher’s guides are written in English but we will have to teach and execute the plans in Filipino. Some objectives in our teaching guides would have to be taught for the whole week, which sometimes become too boring and to limited to fast learners.

Begin in Central Luzon where mother tongue is Filipino, our lessons in the Mother Tongue subject is almost mostly similar to the lessons to be taught in Filipino. There are times when there is a repetition to the fast learners.

As we are now nearly finishing the first half of the school year, it is hoped that more resource materials will come by so we can maximize such resources to enhance the teaching and learning in the K-12 program.

It seems like K-12 is easy because it is actually intended to make learning more useful, practical and with better quality. However, it becomes difficult because of the insufficiency of resource where teachers would really have to exert greater effort just to be able to teach the way they expected to do so.
Teachers can do that… why not, but how about some effort from the government to ease the burden… if possible???

References:

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