MANAGING TRASHES: A SERIOUS SCHOOL ISSUE

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Consistent increase in the number of learners would mean direct increase in the bulk of trashes in schools. This should never have been a problem until waste management was not considered. Not all institutions are implementing waste management program to keep the school garbage in proper and not all those schools having waste management are consistent over the implementation of such program. As cited by Walunj (2018), proper disposal of specific items is important because they can become poisonous after a certain period of time. This issue would surely mark an effect on the learning of the learners considering the untidy and improper environment.

Lamao National High School has its own management system regarding the wastes which are usually in a form of plastics and other disposable materials. This is due to the increasing use of the materials as a result of the need for snacks and the like. Classrooms are where the management is starting. It will all start from simple separation of materials in three categories namely Biodegradable, Non-biodegradable and Recyclable. Through such actions, the wastes which will be collected by garbage trucks are already well-classified thus; there is no need for prior alteration of the wastes. This process however, does not function at all times. More often, trucks mix the trashes thus; the separated materials will cling altogether again. Sadly, the should-have-been effective waste management ends throughout the process. Besides, the learners are somehow forgetting how to properly segregate and how to dispose their trashes properly.

As there are various events being held in the school throughout the school year, it is expected that the youth are to gather in the covered court witnessing programs and bouts.
Intramurals, for example, poses a great contribution when it comes to the volume of trashes being collected. Considering the fact that most of the participants are likely to bring foods and drinks while watching games, it cannot be denied that after the events, a sea of trashes will be seen. Public schools do not have people to clean the mess and sadly, only a few people will show concern. Environmentalists promote and advocate waste segregation amongst schools. Trash bins labeled according to garbage types were installed all around campuses however, segregating the wastes are taken as a waste of time by the learners.

Proper waste management has to take place and must be given attention. Trashes may cause various illnesses and the like to the ones who are dwelling with them. Fouled odor and dirty surrounding may advocate dengue and synonymous diseases which are prevalent in institutions today. Improperly disposed materials may also lead to accidents thus, a system to spearhead all the issues must be considered. Aside from segregation of wastes and installments of trash bins around the campus, it will also be a good point excavating compost pit for the biodegradable materials not to have a need to be collected anymore. With such, materials to be collected will be lessened and the space inside garbage trucks will be maximized and the collection will become quick. Moreover, assignments and schedules of garbage collection must also be disseminated to the whole school thus; no confusion is being created amongst classroom cleaners on when to put their trashes in the collecting area.

Systematic ways of disposal, segregation and collection are the most effective portals to avoid the diseases which may persist in a dirty environment. If proper waste management will be given attention and focus, trashes will no longer be a problem for the campuses, whether they are public or private institutions. Through spearheading waste management plan and program, the learning will be more conducive considering that cleanliness provokes learning. It takes a plan to work out the management plans and turn them into programs. Authorities and other concerns must also be critical on
programs like this and must be vigilant on the implementation and development of such especially that waste management is a serious public concern.

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