MASTER TEACHERS ON EMBRACING EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS IN EDUCATION

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Being a master teacher may be a good title because this means that you accomplished tons of paper works and documents that are required to meet the standards and you possess the required qualities of being one. These may boost your self-confidence in making decisions for school, handling your co-teachers and being part of the solution in resolving some conflicts but being a master teacher is more than that. It is not enough to just observe and glance at conflicts then think of ways to resolve those. A master teacher must be a keen observer with deeper analysis on how to deal with the challenges and one of the reliable ways is to conduct educational research.

According to Chitra Reddy (2016), research means to carefully analyze the problems or to do the detailed study of the specific problems, by making use of the special scientific methods. The main purpose of the research is to get deep into the topic so that something helpful can be churned out which can be helpful for everybody and used in that particular niche sector. In the case of master teachers, it is educational research that can resolve complicated problems at school.

Educational research can also be the way to resolve problems that are existing for the long time. Maybe some of them are wondering why there are problems that are hard to combat or that they took some years before being resolved. Possibly, what they fail to realize is that there are really some problems that cannot be easily resolved through simple solutions but rather through thorough study that is why research is a must for master teachers since they are the ones who are more engaged in dealing with the challenges in educational community.
Hairon Salleh (2014) said that the idea of teachers doing research will only be sustainable if teachers themselves want to embark on it and the school leadership plays a very important role in enabling them to do so. He suggested that instead of action research workshops that last only a couple of days, teachers may benefit more from having an external consultant or teachers with experience in teacher research to guide them along every step of the research process. He also added that research is something that takes time to learn and do so teachers should not feel like they have to rush into it.

However, in order for the educational researches to be possible, the government should allot budget for the teachers who are conducting research for the school. They should be given allowance for their expenses throughout the given period of time that the study must be finished so that it will not be a burden in the pockets of teachers who want to contribute to the school. Considerations such as a period of study leave must also be given so that the researchers will be more focused on conducting the research because if they still have loads in teaching while researching, it would give them a hard time to complete their study on time.

In addition, competent teachers must get out of their comfort zones and since they already risked of becoming master teachers, they must also embrace conducting a study regarding education because this practice is one of the fulfillments that a master teacher should achieve. This contribution somehow fills the large portion of being master teachers because finishing an educational research is one of the challenging achievements that they may contribute to the school.

Hence, conducting research should be a normal practice among master teachers and not something that is optional but rather obligatory so that more problems and conflicts will be resolved. Maybe this is one of the shortcomings of the Philippine educational system -- the insufficient educational research that may solve major problems in education. In fact, we can really achieve to have a major boost in our educational system but we find it hard to attain this maybe because there are problems
remained unseen and untouched just because we refuse to conduct studies that are supposed to reveal reliable data and information that we can use to improve the system.

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