Teachers and the teaching profession have been in the limelight over the past few months. Some people are questioning why teachers do not report to the school, and why teachers continue to receive salaries when they do not work at school due to the delay in the school opening. Some have even suggested cutting off teacher's salaries because schools are closed.

These and more have been some causes for the demoralization of many teachers. It is sad to note when the teaching profession has bombarded by lots of criticisms. Various social media platforms have become the battleground where people have negative impressions of the teachers as they aired their rants and tirades. Teachers cannot fire their rebuttals due to professional ethics considerations. When teachers rebut, they tend to get more detractors.

The general public may get to realize some truths and facts relevant to the teaching profession. How the government makes efforts to provide security of tenure to all public servants as provided in the Rights of Employees under RA No. 6656. (An Act to Protect the Security of Tenure Civil Servants and Employees in the Implementation of Government Reorganization) and the Magna Carta for Public School Teachers under RA No 4670 Sec. 5 Tenure of Office.

As we are suffering from the threats and consequences of the COVID 19 Pandemic and that the school system has no other way but to make sure that education continues despite the Pandemic, there are a lot more other things we may not be in control off.
As we know, the opening of the School Year 2020-2021 has moved on October 5, 2020, instead of August 24. However, even without the recent delay, teachers, school heads, and non-teaching personnel have been making all the necessary preparations to make sure that the New Normal Delivery of Learning will be efficient and sufficient.

Even if teachers and administrators may not be reporting physically in their respective stations, they function thru working at home.

For others, it may be comfortable and convenient working from home, teachers nothing seems to change. They still do the hardest, juggling from paper works to webinars to series of meetings, e-enrolment, e-interviews, online surveys, and many other things.

Though they do not report to school physically, they do the same work and even so much more. Thus, they still work that making them worthy of the salaries the government pays them every month.

It is not the teacher's fault if the schools are closed due to the Pandemic, so they should not be given such criticisms they do not deserve. Teachers deserved to be respected.

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