ON SALARY INCREASE

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Undoubtedly, the most tedious occupation of all is being a teacher. However, it is also the noblest. People who are in the teaching profession face different challenges every single day starting from their domestic obligation to problems regarding the institution they are working with.Alongside these responsibilities are the paperwork and workload they have. Despite all the issues of the education sector, teachers still try prevail and give more than what they are capable of in order to secure quality education they are giving to students.

Recently, Senate Bill No. 19 was filed in the Congress with the aim of raising entry-level salary of public school teachers. Senate Minority Leader Franklin Drilon even stated that increasing the salary of teachers will show how the country care for its people, adding that it would be better to invest to teachers who have low salary compared to other professions.

Moreover, a study conducted by Ferrer in 2017 confirmed that public school teachers in the Philippines are financially challenged by debts. A contributing factor includes the entry-level salary for most teachers which is P20,754 for Teacher I. Also, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reported that there was a 3.2% rise in the price of market products in May.

With the amount of salary of the teachers and the influx of the inflation rate, there can never be enough funds to sustain educators’ daily needs.
Not only that, the efforts every teacher exerts exceed the working hours. Most stay up all night to polish lesson plans or to check students’ work and examinations. They also dedicate extra time to have a house visit for students who rarely go to class in order to secure the safety of the student and to diagnose if there is any problem. Teachers also tutor students who learn slower than others, making sure that they get every point of every lesson even after class hours.

Lawmakers and the government itself should look up to the professional advancement of the quality of education. This by all means, to look at the educators, also. Procedures can be done in order to promote quality education. High tech equipment can be used in order to keep up with the fast-tracked pace of the technological world and better qualification requirement can be met, but none can be a great substitute for the foundation of honing the skills and knowledge of students.

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