In a country that is still far from achieving the peak of progress, children are being deprived of the chances to dream despite being able to avail free education and trainings. Let us face it, learners may graduate up to senior high school but still, college degree poses a big role on how their future careers will progress. Besides, most of the jobs today are looking for a bachelor's degree and between a high school graduate and a 4-year course graduate, surely, an employer would choose the latter. This is a saddening truth behind the context of social strata. Social statuses somehow could predict what a child would become in the future and only a fighter could at least change such a bad fortune.

I have met a lot of learners who are becoming demotivated in achieving their dreams because they are poor. Catriona Gray is right. It is not the poverty that kills their dream but the lack of child support. In Kara David's 'Walang Maiiwan' documentary, the darker side of being poor was shown. It highlighted the story of a teacher who did everything he could just to encourage his students to return to school. Unfortunately, some learners have already absorbed the thought that they were born poor thus they are to die poor. Adding more to the educator's burden is the lack of support from the parents who are ironically the ones to discourage their children to attend school. Even how eager the child to learn is, such a negative response from a hopeless parent will say it all.

In a study on the socioeconomic factors and their effects on the students' motivation to learn, Petersen (2009) found out that those at the lower level of the society bear the highest risk of dropping out and not continuing studies anymore. Guay (2008) supported this with his research findings indicating that there is a probability that students from low-income families to have lower self-esteem and lesser self-confidence.
thus easily being manipulated and affected by family and financial problems. Between a hurting stomach and a craving to learn new things, one should definitely choose the former.

It must be noted that there are millions of children who are dreaming to become leaders, to become rich, and become professionals however, they lack this moral and financial support from people who must firsthand render their support to them. 'Paglaki ko, gusto kong maging...' must not just settle as dreams for them but be transformed into reality because we are honing the future leaders of the world. With all the possibilities and resources we have, we must strive to support through becoming the motivation and inspiration to our children. More than just what we could teach them, we could change their lives not just by words. Let us hope that more children would have the perseverance and the grit to keep going on despite the hardships because if they do, we can all be sure that we are honing the best people who could lit up the world with their stories of fight and the rewards of their bloods and sweat. Let there be no children who will reason out being poor to not continue their education. It is just that being poor is never a reason, we just have to support them as much as we could.

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