PARENTS AND TEACHERS: PARTNERS IN FIGHTING BULLYING

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Many studies have been conducted in searching for factors affecting the performance of students in schools. According to these studies, some of them are poverty, lack of school facilities, video games but the most alarming factor is bullying.

Bullying is fatal and alarming. Most often, the victims don’t speak up. They are so quiet inside and outside the classroom. They lose self-confidence. They separate themselves from others. Some can’t do nothing but to cry. And the worst thing that they can do is to commit suicide.

What can a teacher do?

It is stated in the DepEd Mission that teachers facilitate learning and nurture every learner. In teaching these learners, a teacher should be a keen observer. Keen observer in a sense that they can detect the unusual behaviour of a student. Upon detecting this behaviour, communication with the parents is important.

Furthermore, community and other stakeholders must be actively engaged and share responsibility for developing lifelong learners. Parents, like teachers, should also serve as spy at home. They must take time to have a casual or intimate conversation with their children.

Monitoring their activities is also important as well as identifying their friends and companions. Attending PTA meetings is very relevant so to take time to discuss the issues with the teachers.
Teachers are second parents to students since they spend with them in school; then, the rest of the twenty four hours with their parents at home. But then, the length of time doesn’t matter; what matters most is how the time is shared with each other. Teachers befriend thy students and parents befriend thy children to let them talk and confide everything. In this way, bullying can be avoided.