POLITICAL NEUTRALITY

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Corruption in the government nowadays is very rampant. Part of the dirty tactics of some corrupt officials is to gain wealth as part of gaining affiliations to strengthen their power and hold their positions aside from the fact that public officials and employees are mandated according to Republic Act 6713, that is to provide service to everyone without discrimination and regardless of party affiliation or preference. As what Warren (2002) stated in his book, “The Purpose Driven Life”, things like fraud and dishonesty usually happens because of the misconception of many people that having more will make them happier. Our value is not determined by our valuables. Material things and power can be lost instantly but integrity and dignity can never be taken from us.

One of the responsibilities of educators is to educate future voters and leaders, it is indeed very essential to exercise political neutrality to serve as a model to our students. Teaching Philippine history and the structure of our government without citing own preferences to persuade the students to relate it to their parents and letting them know the importance of choosing the right persons who will serve them are examples of practicing political neutrality in the world of education. It is nice to contemplate that the bright future of the country lies in the hands of a teacher.

Election Day is an activity that tests the veracity of the teachers. During this day, we, teachers put our lives on the line to ensure that elections run smoothly. Our dedication to public service cannot be measured especially on election since we are expose to many risks and threats every time we play a vital role as Board of Election Inspectors (BEI). We serve as front liners in making clean and honest elections possible.
Following election guidelines is necessitous to ensure that we do our duties faithfully and to avoid any untoward incidents that may risk our dignity as teachers.

“Vote wisely”, the common statement we often hear during elections. Pondering such statement, how many people and even public employees are still holding on to their dignity during Election Day when gifts and rewards are available everywhere? This activity is prevalent, but teachers shall not allow themselves to be placed in situations where they will reciprocate their service to the benefit given. If we go to a deeper analysis, the more we tolerate such activity the more we steal the future of the young generation. Receiving a temporary aid to our needs will only result to a lengthened poverty we are suffering in the country because we are only letting corrupt leaders to snip what is supposedly given to us through government funds.

As a government employee, teachers should render their service to the public to the best of their capabilities. The service, called by the position, should benefit the public whom they sworn to serve and not to benefit any political party. It is their responsibility to do their job as educators with highest integrity and sincerity. This will eventually lead them to the achievement of the goals and objectives of basic education. Profession and position given to us should be used according to His purpose and that is to mold the young children to become better persons. Political neutrality should be exercised not to benefit only one single person but all the people we serve.

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