PROTECTING THE TEACHERS FROM VIOLENCE

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Even in schools, threats, abuses, harassment and violence against teachers are recorded in an ever high rate in all the long history of teaching. The former idea of a teacher as ‘maestro’ and ‘maestra’ are deemed insignificant in many societies today. What are deemed successful are the businessmen, lawyers, doctors – but the greatest profession of all is neglected by many.

Teachers become victim of threats from some hard-headed students. Hardly people believe that teachers were innocent victims too. One incident recorded by the Media ushered teachers to the brink of indignity against a minor, when as the news went through, the teacher is deemed innocent. It has been sensationalized by many until a general consensus on protecting the rights and dignity of teachers are plotted into an act.

If my memory serves me right, in Germany, a certain politician talks that teachers receive the highest salary among other profession since there will be no other professions without the teachers. However in the Philippines, or elsewhere, some teachers lived indecently and are supported by debts from loan sharks. This unfavorable condition made teachers to retire young getting little pension. Continuing life in the perils of another loan, another debt.

Teachers are also prone from harassment from various parties. When a student got low grades, in the 80’s and 90’s, the teachers are the wise counsels that tell the parents why the student fail or flunk in the class. Today, when a student’s grade decreased, the parent will come to the office suing various curses in front of other teachers.
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