PUBLIC DEMAND: BRING GMRC BACK INTO THE CURRICULUM

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GMRC stands for Good Manners and Right Conduct, the essence of this subject is presenting situations that are happening in everyday life intended to produce students who are sensitive, responsible and law abiding citizens. Under GMRC, students are taught to follow the standards of ethics and morality. Senators are proposing to include the said subject in the program of K to 12 as a separate subject from Values Education. Just like before, the lessons in GMRC will be inclined to having proper behavior, letting the students to realize the value of reverence or respect, inculcating the importance of love and be God-fearing individual.

Relatively, the main reason why law makers are suggesting to bring GMRC back to the current curriculum is that students are still showing misconduct by involving to criminal acts as stated by Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri. The proposed Senate Bill No. 310 or GMRC Act is recommended by Zubiri.

In addition to that, students nowadays are living in a world of Millennials where computer, internet, other modern gadgets and social media are the most influential things that surround them. Their time and attention are focused in these modern gadgets therefore they fail to learn the discipline of being well-mannered individual. Gadgets teach children to be impatient and never learn the value of perseverance because the things they need are already made available for them.

Therefore, bringing back GMRC to education will be the best strategy to teach children to behave, be respectful and knowledgeable on how to react when surrounded
by abusive peers and adults. They will be fully equipped to avoid the use of illegal drugs and prevent them from being gangsters.

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