SCHOOL: SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

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Does school really mean survival of the fittest?

In sociological aspect, our society expects a school not to be a place where the only ones fit survive. It should be a dwelling suited for everyone. Ironically, life after school is another story as society commonly and generally thinks that life is a competition and only the strongest prevails.

The phrase “survival of the fittest” came from Charles Darwin’s Theory of Evolution as a means of describing the process of natural selection. However, the concept of natural selection is strictly scientific. Hence, applying the phrase in a school setting may seem a little bit inappropriate since the term was coined for biological but not for social use. Originally, there were no social implications involved with it.

Regardless of how the phrase is used, a school remains to be a place where children are educated. It must always be an institution that should foster equality and fairness despite children having different personalities, race, life status, intelligence, gender preference, etc. It must promote impartiality and must recognize that everyone is unique in all aspects. It must understand that children adapt to their environment differently. It is at school where they should feel fairly treated and well-loved. This is appropriately included under Section 3.2 of Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution.
A school is an instrument of positive things so students can learn how to “live” and not just “survive”. It is not a boxing ring where one beats the opponent to win and get the prize.

There are plenty of things that the society expects from a school. It only proves that education is essential to one’s life and that the school carries the heavy role of enriching students mind, body, and soul. No doubt it is called the heart of the education system.

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