SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IN SCHOOLS

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Pollution is not just an environmental issue that people come across inside school premises, it occurs everywhere. But schools as microcosm of society wherein children are being mold into responsible individuals serve as the training grounds of this nation’s future.

According to the findings of Global Environmental Studies from Kyoto University, a secondary student produces 22kg of waste per academic year whereas a primary school student is even higher at 45kg. The said finding is immensely alarming for school-heads in lieu to our ecosystem.

There have been several movements from the Philippine government regarding waste management and Republic Act 9003 is one of those. This law is designed in the premise of the alarming effects of the uncontrolled dumping of waste in our environment which as a result, deteriorates our ecosystem and ultimately, posts dangers in our health.

In lieu to this, schools are undertaking practical actions in their own little ways with being accustomed toward proper waste disposal practices while cooperating with the LGUs. All that with the high hopes of resolving and helping the imminent complications relevant to waste management. Also, schools are applying waste prevention techniques to lessen food left-overs such as requiring the students to bring their own tumblers and cutleries instead of using disposable cups, plastic sporks and paper plates. It’s economic and environmental-friendly in all good ways.
As well, functional MRFs or materials recovery facilities were campaigned by DepEd. Wherein these serve as storehouse for segregated wastes that can be reused and also as a place to turn biodegradable waste such as food and yard waste into fertilizer or soil conditioner.

These measures proved that DepEd is committed to promote awareness and mold responsible citizens of this society to save and protect our environment for the coming generations to relish.

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