TEACHERS IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

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“While technology can effectively support teaching and learning, it cannot replace the teacher.”

This is a powerful line, yet, a lot of people may have forgotten it.

As the whole world battles against the Covid-19 pandemic, the continuation of education of millions of youth has relied on technology. In the Philippines, face to face classes have been suspended indefinitely. Students and teachers resorted to using platforms to receive and deliver learning. Though teaching and learning are made possible because of the technology, there is great number of individuals claiming that face to face learning is still the best way to have quality education. But why is it so? Obviously – teacher factor.

There is no question as to how much technology can do these days but there are definitely things it cannot do that only teachers can.

First, teachers know their students. Teachers know their needs. They know their strengths and weaknesses, and they teach them based on those knowledge. They know, even without a word from them.

Second, teachers give answers before students have to ask. When people have questions in mind these days, they’d ask Mr. Google. It will then give all possible answers in the internet. But will it give answers without a question? No, but teachers can do it by just staring at the students eyes, lips, and eyebrows.
Third, teachers inspire. They inspire their students that no matter how hard the situation is, they got their back. They have someone who understand, support, and stand with them through challenges. They are committed to bringing the light in the dark.

Finally, teachers teach with love. While technology can provide numerous teachings of what love is, it can never make students feel being loved while being taught. Teachers are second parents and that makes them the best source of learning outside home, the source of learning with love.

Many people have been recognizing the importance of teachers; also, many are those who have just recognized their importance because of the current learning modality. Indeed teachers are irreplaceable. Technology is great but A TEACHER IS BEYOND COMPARE.

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