TEACHERS NEED NO RUSH

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With the fast-changing environment, teachers should be well-equipped with the gadgets and resources for teaching and learning. He/she should also be updated with the reforms of the new educational curriculum. A resourceful and strategic mind and an energetic body is what a teacher needs in order to cope with the innovations of the society.

The Kto12 Program is mandated by Republic Act 10533, otherwise known as “Basic Education Act of 2013”. The DepEd began the new learning program in its efforts to make a change toward a better Philippines as early as 2011.

It covers Kindergarten and 12 years of basic education (six years of primary education, 4 years of Junior High School, and two years of Senior High School (SHS) to provide sufficient time for mastery of concepts and skills, develop lifelong learners, and prepare graduates for tertiary education, middle-level skills development, employment and entrepreneurship.

It embodies a well-organized curriculum and focuses on mastery learning and this school year is its full implementation. And for its better implementation, teachers who are not already trained are provided with well-organized and comprehensive trainings. Curriculum guides are made available by the department. Also there are teaching resources available on-line specifically the LRMDS or the Learning Resource Management System.
However, a teacher, to attain mastery learning aimed by the new curriculum need not to depend on the target date in the curriculum guides. There should still have modifications in meeting the time frame. What if a certain lesson is not achieved on that particular day? Still, teachers need to provide enhancement activities and exercises for the next day, if not to reteach so as to ensure the mastery of a certain objectives.

Remember that not all school children are fast-learners. Varied activities should be given so that pupils will gain mastery learning, and that is what we call differentiated instruction.

So, in order to attain mastery learning, pupils should have mastery of a certain skill before introducing another lesson to them.

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