TEACHERS OR OFFICE CLERKS?

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It’s been years since DepEd introduced the computerized system of accomplishing reports. According to them, the main aim is to make it easier for teachers to undertake certain reports and requirements. At first, integration of the technology produced nothing but opportuneness and convenience. The power of technology makes it stress-free for teachers to type numerous words with the clout and power to correct errors with just a few mouse clicks.

Nonetheless, the use of technology by the higher ups abused educators. Just because it is easier for teachers to do different paper tasks, DepEd then bombarded teachers and clerks with oodles, tons and heaps of paper works they are required to accomplish in a certain time frame, most of the times, if not always, together with classes, causing obvious and apparent distraction and interference to the lesson proper. Some teachers, bring the paper jobs they need to complete based on some mandatory memo at home, work on it until dawn, goes to school the next morning, zombie-like and with only 2-4 hours of sleep. Unlucky ones, those who are not familiar with the use of computers or some who obviously lack enough time to finish each and every paper report, ask someone else to do it in their behalf, and pay for their service after; another encumbrance for teachers.

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A little delight equals to “too numerous to count” workloads? Why don’t we make teachers do their job of determining the future of the youth, of standing in front of the class, of disseminating knowledge with chalk and some colorful instructional
materials, of holistically shaping their life, of molding their values, of bringing out the best in them? Teachers aren’t clerks, they shouldn’t be given more than what they can handle. They should be focusing on how effectively and efficiently they’ll tackle lessons, not how fast they type reports and other paper works.

Yes teachers can do it all concurrently, but not all the time. Having assigned in a maximum of 55 students in a small and not so ventilated classroom is alright, because teachers are trained with same situation and find extreme pleasure by being able to survive such until the bell rings, signaling class dismissal. But it should never go with tons of “rush” paper works, that should be finished or else will cause more chaos.

Teachers are jack of all trades, they can be nurses, singers, architects, engineers, accountants, dentists, even instant parents, why they can’t be clerks then? Because teachers though can perform everything should outshine in teaching and not in typing reports and other paper works, for once they are teachers not clerks nor typists. Let teachers be teachers. Let clerks be clerks. Let typists be typists.

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