TEACHING 21ST CENTURY LEARNER: PROBLEMS FACE BY THE TEACHERS

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Teachers can touch. Teachers can make the world better. Teachers transform learner as a unique number of a society. Teachers are rich. Why are they rich? They can easily gain praises and respect. They are rich morally. Even if these things can’t make their stomach and pockets full, some of them decided to pursue their career for the sake of the children for the sake of their future. But can praises and respect feed their families? We all know that teachers are underpaid and some of them quit their job due to some financial problem or difficulties.

In the past few months, numerous issues or cases are being spread in the news about teachers committing suicide, teachers hanging themselves and teachers feeling depressed due to tons of workloads. This was brought by a lot of paper works that teachers need to comply daily, monthly, quarterly and yearly. (Franzoni, Said, Defude, Rojas and, Said, 2018)

One example is a newly-hired public school teacher named “Teachers Emylou” who committed suicide due to the very large number of workloads. A Facebook post that came from the co-worker of teacher Emylou went viral because he is seeking justice and begging for action from the government for the death of Teacher Emylou. (Franzoni, Said, Defude, Rojas and, Said, 2018)

The Facebook post also wants to review the policies about teachers. Reportedly, some teachers were handling “multigrade” students and preparing at least 15 lessons plan everyday aside from daily teaching materials and reports.
Another suffering endured by the present teacher is the advancement of the technology world. Some teachers do not how to manipulate a simple android phone as well as a laptop or computer.

We can take the reality that a 3rd grader pupil nowadays is more technology literate than a secondary adult teacher. (Franzoni, Said, Defude, Rojas and, Said, 2018)

Some students specially in the higher years already have their own smart or android phones. They have also a full-time access to the internet. They can google everything and search whatever they like even websites that contain malicious and sexual information that can harm the young minds.

As a teacher, these are the scenarios that need to be compromised and avoided. Here are some of the possible pieces advice of that students need to know and teachers need to know and teachers need to remind them. (Franzoni, Said, Defude, Rojas and, Said, 2018)

- Limit their time in using their mobile phones.
- Physical activity like playing ball games for one-hour everyday can bring a lot of fun rather than playing a video game.
- Limit their access in the internet. Always remind them about which web page or web sites that they going to trust.
- In using social media sites like Facebook, remind the also that never ever start a conversation to someone that they do not know.
- As a teacher in this world full of changes and advancement, we need to adjust for the betterment of each and every learner. We need to cope in every changes. Even we are experiencing a lot of pain in this field, one day we can say that teaching is the most fulfilling and noblest profession.
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