What is curriculum? Are students aware of our latest curriculum? According to a college professor, “curriculum is a list of subjects to be taken for a semester or school year.” It is considered as the “heart” of any learning institution which means that schools or universities cannot exist without a curriculum (Alvior, 2015). Without it, there is no life on education. It is a program developed by a country to produce competitive graduates. Countrymen will no longer have access to basic education without this course.

Curriculum does not only include program of study or set of subject and courses to be studied, but also the strategies and methods to be executed to take effect the curriculum. It is consist of the learning materials like textbooks, learner’s module, teaching guide and session guide to facilitate transfer of knowledge.

Curriculum is like a map that guides teachers on the lessons. It leads teacher to what topics should be taken first until reaching the last part. Curriculum is like a book that gives what teachers should want to know. It directs teachers to information. Curriculum is like a blueprint that must be followed. Although some lessons are suggestive and not prescriptive which means that teachers have the right to make an adjustment. Teachers have the freedom to make research on the topic and have the authority to add activities that they think suited for their learners. Teachers can also escape suggested activity on the curriculum if they think it is not capable of performing by their learners.
Curriculum established students’ education. Through this graduates are honored to present their diploma or certificate of accomplishment. It serves as the passport to study abroad as well as in working in the different fields of endeavor. It makes us happy and proud.

Is curriculum need to explain to our leaners? The answer is yes. It is necessary to enlighten our learners on the curriculum that our country is using, especially nowadays that our learners are still confused on what K to 12 means. Teachers should elaborate very well the four tracks (Tech-Voc, Arts and Design, Academic, and Sports) as well as the corresponding strands in each track so that our learners are channeled on what our system is doing. This is to avoid misleading information that our learners are absorbing in the public. It helps them in setting goals and choosing the right path for their career. This is also to discuss the objectives of our country in replacing the Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) in favor of K to 12 BEP that includes compulsory Kindergarten plus six (6) years in elementary and another six year in high school, four (4) years is for JHS and two (2) years is for SHS.

We are in the major revamp of the program, but we have to do our best to make it successful. There is no turning back. Teachers, parents and the community should help each other to support our leaners see the importance of this transformation. There is no easy way, but if people will appreciate the value of curriculum then there is nothing to worry. At the end, curriculum makes students triumphant; it makes teachers progress; and it gives hope to our country.

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