THE NEED FOR GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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The terms guidance and counselling has a very broad meaning. It implies not only giving of advice but also leading a person into the right path. Thus, teachers and school administrators need to prioritize activities in school that will help the learners to mold his values and character. Guidance and counseling makes education more meaningful to every individual and its is very profitable to the community. The given terms include all those influences and opportunities designed to assist the learners in discovering his weaknesses and adjustments in life more successfully to become a better person. Guidance connotes that each human being needs help and the help must be provided by teachers and schools.

As we face a new chapter of our lives (the new normal) due to the pandemic, every person needs assistance as never before. To secure a profitable adjustments between individual needs and situation, educational programs must be enhanced suitable to the present time. One important purpose/goal of guidance and counselling is to make each learner discover his worth as a person and the mode of life by which he can realize his most fully his potentials for satisfactory service. With this, the teacher and the school must have a deep understanding of the pupil’s interests, aptitudes and abilities and must make an effort to guide them and realize his duties and responsibilities as a person.

The immediate task of both the teacher and the school personnel is to aid the pupil to make wise decisions and choices, to change bad habits and make them a better person. The school is best equipped to provide activities and hands on experiences and
information and advice which all the learners need today. The correct approach is to guide the learners step by step to enrich his life inside and outside the school.

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