THE ROLE OF PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION

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Student’s academic achievement cannot be determined by simply considering their families’ socio-economic status or the exclusiveness of the school the child attends to. Student’s success is a product of involvement and engagement between the two entities that helps them be a better individual: the home and the school. It is a predictor of what extent their families involve themselves in their child’s education. When parents engaged themselves in their children’s education, students will feel that support that is very significant for a child to do better in school. Students will realize the importance of education as they perceive from their parents.

Parental engagement happens when parents/guardians are involved and committed to extending support for their child’s educational goals. Positive learning environment will be the result of harmonious relationship between the parent and the teacher. And if there is a good relationship between them, the flow of communication will be collaborative for both of them can give ideas that will benefit the child.

In this time of pandemic, we cannot conduct our parent-teacher conferences, so alternatives like online means of communication or a simple text or phone call will build a parent engagement towards their child’s education. With that they will be informed on the status of their child and share possible ways on how they could assist them to do even better.

When teachers and parents work hand-in-hand to establish a positive learning environment for the child, the effect will be great. Students with involved parents will not merely get high test scores. The support and time the teacher, especially the parents
provide will develop the child’s full potential not just on the academic side, but also on how the child behaves in the community, have better social life and long term result in economic, emotional and social aspect.

Parent engagement helps parents feel more involved and responsible with their children’s education. If we, as educators, build a strong connection between the home and the school, we are also building lifelong learners.

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