THE SCHOOL OFFICIALS IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC

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Article VII, Section 1 of the Code of Ethics for Professional Teachers states that "All school officials shall, at all times, show professional courtesy, helpfulness, and sympathy towards teachers and other personnel, such practices being standards of effective school supervision, dignified administration, responsible leadership and enlighten directions."

Highlighting the terms "at all times" and "standards" serves as a reminder to every leader that being courteous, helpful, effective, dignified, responsible, and enlightening are expected of them, may not be "at all times", but rather as their normal style of leadership in the institution, at the very least.

While school officials are entitled to acknowledge their weaknesses and personal limitations, such things should not be used as excuses to perform otherwise. Being old, stressed out, burdened with lots of responsibilities, and in rare cases, being depressed do not permit anyone to be unprofessional, rude, dependent, and incompetent leader.

School officials are the captain of the ship, especially during these turbulent times. They are the ones being relied on by their subordinates for clear and reliable instructions, firm decisions, support, and unbiased personnel management. Now, more than ever is the time when teachers need a true leader who makes the way and shows the way- not the exact opposite.
In this pandemic situation, though the attributes mandated to school officials are all much-needed and important, being helpful and sympathetic towards teachers matters the most.

Needless to say, it is true that during this crisis, our educators have been carrying loads greater than they had probably imagined. For this reason, the least a leader can do for his/her exhausted co-workers in school is to try to make things lighter for them and to make sure that they do not add further weight to their burden. Yet, doing so does not diminish their power as school heads but instead makes them a more helpful and sympathetic leader.

Furthermore, it can be concluded that, on a case-to-case basis, being kind is more important than being right. And besides, life is too short to be remembered as someone egoistic and inhumane.

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