THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HOME VISITS TO TEACHER-PARENT RELATIONSHIP

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Home visitation is defined as a process of getting-to-know style to identify not only his students but also their parents. It is one of the most useful and constructive approach to deal with absenteeism, students who display negative behavior in studying and to check the family background of the students. The interview with the parents are deemed very important because they have the chance to assess the interest of the parents and how do they value education. Parents’ insight about education has a significant relationship to their children’s view about education. Some studies revealed that students who have parents who do not value the importance of education are likely to have a higher probability of dropping out from school. Teachers may conduct home visitation to talk and encourage parents to attend symposium or school program that will make them realize the importance of education to their children’s life. This may also inspire them to see what education will do for their children.

Commonly, people think that teachers are conducting home visitation because of the negative behavior of their children in school and long absence of their children from school, however, parents must understand that teachers are doing that to fully understand and help their children in coping up with the difficult situation that they are experiencing. Keeping in touch with parents is one of the responsibilities that teachers may perform especially when the students do not perform well in school.

Relatively, home visitation is also conducted to students who have the potential to excel in class. Researches revealed that parents who are involving their selves to schools matters have a significant influence to student’s academic achievement. It is a common
knowledge that teachers are expert in instructions and parents are best when it comes to their children, consequently, teachers who are working with parents are likely to achieve success in terms of students’ scholastic and behavior aspects.

Comparing how United States viewed home visitation’s significance to how Philippines value home visitation. In United States, it is perceived to be one of the best practices that teachers may employ in enhancing the relationship of the school and its stakeholders. They also believe that home visitation plays a major role in improving educational achievement among students. In relation with this, teachers are being trained and paid to visit their students. However, in the Philippines, teachers are sacrificing his time, effort and money just to visit his students who are dropping out from school. In some cases, teachers who conducted home visitation had to take risk in travelling to his student’s house because the government offers no protection to them. They have to face dangers and potential hazards in visiting his students.

In line with the problem, Department of Education may review the rules regarding home visitation. They may conduct a research on how other countries view home visitation as a method of improving student’s educational achievement and may implement here in the Philippines.

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