THE WILL OF CHANGE

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It is a common cliché that the only permanent and constant in this world is change.

With the opening of this school year 2018-2019, a big change welcomed teachers and administrators. As expected, many complained thinking it is another burden on the shoulder of the teachers. But what does this change all about?

The Department of Education (DepEd), in collaboration with Teacher Education Council (TEC), had launched the DepEd Order No. 42, s. 2017 or otherwise known as National Adoption and Implementation of the Philippine Professional Standards for Teachers (PPST) which is in agreement with the new professional standards for teachers. This order caters the critical objective of diagnosing the pertinent impact of professional criterions on the teacher’s professional and lifelong progress. In addition, it is dedicated to help teachers, and be aware of explicit proof that good teachers play important role in boosting student progress. PPST caters the mandate that quality learning is dependent to quality teaching. Thus, improving the quality of teaching workforce has been a vital factor in promulgating the long term and viable instituting of our nation. In short, PPST aims of producing quality teachers for quality students.

With this gradually taking flight and penetrating the very nerves of every teachers, some become cautious. Believing that PPST entails additional workload and paper load to their shoulders, teachers are hesitant to accept this change in educational system. But come to think of it. With the PPST’s aim of: setting out solid expectation of teachers for their definite career phase of professional progress; promoting active and consistent effort in accomplishing expertise; and implementing a uniform indicator to measure teacher
performance, determine their needs and offer aid for professional advancement, PPST is, indeed, an advantage among all teachers.

As a matter of fact, PPST shall be used as a basis for teachers to make sure that all learning and development programs of K to 12 curriculum are effectively executed. In other words, PPST is a tool to have a check and balance among teachers and the curriculum. Besides, this is also be the basis of standard for teacher’s promotion and performance evaluation.

Indeed, whether we like it or not, we have no choice. As long as we belong on this institution and continue embracing our vocation, all we need is to follow. Yes, it may be difficult. Yes, it may add to our labour. But what the heck, we are used to face changes. There is nothing more we cannot handle.

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