WHAT THE PRINCIPALS LOOK FOR NEW TEACHER

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“FAILURE to prepare is preparing to fail,” a quotation from John Wooden. People often fail due to lack of preparation.

Aspirations should go with careful planning and actions. Attitude also plays a vital role to make things happen.

It is a truism that teaching is a noble profession. Indeed, it can be considered as the noblest profession.

This being so, teachers as public employees must uphold the public interest over and above personal interest.

For a teacher-applicant applying for a teaching job for the first time, facing the principal for an interview could be a source of extreme anxiety. During such occasions, the aspiring teacher is compelled to “put his or her best foot forward” and show off, if needs be, to please the principal and get hired at the end.

On the part of the principal (or whoever is the counterpart in the evaluating process), he or she will definitely opt for the candidate who possesses most, if not all, the qualities that will help to carry out the objectives of the education system. These qualities include passion, enthusiasm, sensitivity, heart and humor.

Applying for a teaching job is not as easy today as it used to be. Even this humble profession is steeped in competition that an aspiring teacher is well advised to equip him or herself with all the secrets of the trade to increase his or her chances of being hired.
Teachers, whether in public or private schools are expected to perform and discharge their duties with the highest degree of excellence, professionalism, intelligence and skill. They shall exercise their duties with utmost devotion and dedication to duty.

It must also be remembered that true professionalism is based on ideology, like a social involvement that has its own goals, mission and doctrines.

Truly, it is disheartening to hear that some teachers and even school administrators are involve in intrigues that bring them to an embarrassing situation. Cases like this blacken the image of the teaching profession.

As teachers, therefore, we must uphold the highest degree of professionalism in the performance of our duties.

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