WHY FORMAL EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT

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It has been said, but it could always bear repeating for people who need it.

Amongst the sectors government really focuses on is the Education Department. The administration states that they wanted to have an enhanced system wherein students can benefit. But to have a better quality of education, bigger budget must be allocated and better equipment should be given to schools. Knowing the situation of education of the country, it would take years to improve the system if we are to look at these things as standards.

Despite all of these, Department of Education (DepEd) attends what lacks by reiterating that quality education is paying attention to the education of the children by heart. Hess (2001) stated that teachers are child-centered and are humanistic in nature, making them attracted to the profession in the first place.

This is why even though many people do not have access to a formal school, teachers, alongside the department go to secluded areas just to teach willing learners. Recently, Secretary Leonor Briones declared that DepEd will focus on “Last Mile” schools under the current administration with the target of 8,000 allocated education inputs.

The aim of this is to achieve formal education for every Filipino child especially to those who are in geographically disadvantaged and isolated areas. Moreover, the department envisions a higher rate of literacy amongst the citizens of the country with this as this will send children to school institutions.
In coexistence with this, Witherell and Noddings (1991) asserted that teaching and learning are both social process that are needed in building good relationship towards the students. This means that there is a special bond between the teacher and the learners that will help them in their future endeavors.

With the rate of poverty in the country, not everyone can afford to send every member of the family to a university or college. But having formal education in the prime years of the children will help in giving great opportunities for them.

Furthermore, what DepEd would like people to understand is that every Filipino deserves to learn, even the basic. And although some choose not to have formal education, it still is vital and is crucial to have because it helps a lot in shaping a functional citizen of the country.

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