WHY K TO 12 IS OK? (A CLOSER LOOK AT K TO 12 CURRICULUM)

ni:
Marnellie M. Reyes
Paraiso Elementary School

Since the implementation of K to 12 Curriculum in the Philippines few years ago, it has been a hot topic among society. Just recently, there have been debates whether the said curriculum will continue to be implemented as the first batch of Senior High school has graduated.

The Department of Education, however, released a statement that it will be reviewed but continually be implemented as it is already a law. Until now, however, many people are still asking “why is K to 12 ‘okay’ to be implemented?”

According to the Official Gazette, “K to 12 program covers Kindergarten and 12 years of basic education, (six years of primary education, four years of Junior High School and two years of Senior High School) to provide sufficient time for mastery of concept skills, leading employment and entrepreneurship.”

Compared to previous curriculums, K to 12 implies that Kinder is mandatory and integral part of the education system. K to 12 also features two years in senior high that let students learn skills which may help them get employed. These abilities will actually help them find jobs even if they are not college graduates.

K to 12 also focuses on other abilities, aside from academics. The learners are trained holistically- music, arts, arithmetic skills, oral and written communication, etc. This is a good sign as it supports the theory of multiple intelligence among learners.

Government’s financial help is also all-out. Vouchers, financial assistance and scholarships are readily available for senior high students. The government also provided materials and pieces of equipment which are needed in skills training in senior high.
The support in manpower is also obvious as many teachers were hired and trained in senior high school to cater the needs of the learners. Even in elementary and junior high school, many seminars are conducted to continuously train and equip the teachers for the curriculum.

K to 12 is indeed OK. We only need to look at the brighter side of the curriculum. Department of Education is ensuring that Filipino learners will be trained and honed to the fullest of their ability.

References:

www.OfficialGazette.gov.ph