A CRY FOR HELP: STATE OF STUDENTS AMIDST OF THE PANDEMIC

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Immediately upon the announcement of the COVID-19 outbreak in the Philippines, the country was put into an instantaneous state of Enhanced Community Quarantine where individuals are to stay at home to stop the spread of the coronavirus. News about the new learning modalities was broadcasted everywhere and has put the school year 2019 - 2020 to a halt just when it is about to end. It is to say that no student has been prepared to start learning in their homes facing their gadgets and printed modules every time of the day available.

This pandemic has a big impact on the education system especially in our country, it has both positive and negative impacts. One of the good sides of having the new way of learning is helping the front liners in keeping safe the surroundings for the students to avoid acquiring the coronavirus, but it also has a negative impact just like how other students are experiencing stress because they can't understand the lesson even there are modules distributed by the school.

Also, the COVID-19 pandemic gives them fear that may trigger anxiety and neglect taking care of their mental health. However, this pandemic teaches the students the lessons that cannot only be understood in an academic sense but also apply in life and how they can survive this kind of pandemic even if they are still just students.

The COVID-19 pandemic has gone through so many things, affecting the educational system as students walk in a different path that it makes life much complex. Modular studying created some problems for each student because not all learners can study on
their own. As long as students cannot keep up with these changes it will last until it's over and students learning capacity will decrease and decrease up to the point that they don't have sufficient motivation to study anymore.

Nevertheless, it is not just about learning different subjects at school, it is also about building social relationships and connecting with classmates. Students are unable to go out due to the pandemic and must remain at home. Many people have become isolated because of stay-at-home orders and social isolation. Though the situation makes them closer to their family, there is one part of their lives that they are lacking because of the pandemic, and that is involving their selves in the social side of life wherein they can grow as a person from experiences on the outside world, something out of their comfort zone, as they grow older.

To summarize it all, COVID-19 has caused disruptions in students' daily routines which have had a huge impact on their mental health and generally their life as a youth. New learning method during this pandemic has caused many problems especially among students who are unable to keep up with the changes that have been made and are being implemented. Therefore, the continuation of this method of "learning" will only create further relapse in the life of the students and the education system alike. Hopefully, the government sees the perspective of most students crying for help and comes up with a better solution for it.

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