ADAPTING IN THE NEW NORMAL IN SCHOOL EDUCATION

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The outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic has compelled all schools in the entire country and immediately switched to distance learning such as printed modules and online class in delivery of lessons. While, all the school are still close and face-to-face learning was prohibited which compelling all schools to immediately transition from face-to-face learning to completely printed modular and online classes. This abrupt switch to fully printed modular learning and online classes has been particularly a stressful for all the teachers, pupils and parents who prefer face-to-face instruction. Printed modules and online classes learning are often considered as weak options that provide a lower quality learning in education than in face-to-face learning.

The implementation of these various learning delivery modalities, the challenge for the teachers will be in dealing with learners of distance learning or blended learning who are not capable of learning independently and not periodically supported by their parents or guardians. Another critical scenario is for the implementation, distribution, and mass production of the needed learning materials for teachers and pupils as well as the support of local government unit, media institutions like TV and radio stations. DepEd need additional and substantial financial resources in order to meet the needs of printed modules. The support of the respective local government units, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders is most likely highly appreciated.

This crisis due to pandemic has exposed weakness in the educational systems, while creating opportunities to reshape school education to a new theoretical framework that is more resilient and strong. This pandemic is not the first time nor will it be the last
to impact countries and schools. This new normal way of learning brought by COVID-19 pandemic can be an additional challenge to all during this tough time. Since we are all accustomed to what is going to happen anytime soon, let us all do the best we could to adjust and make this current situation works. Remember, the main goal of distance learning and online class is to keep the pupils engaged academically in order to retain what they have learned.

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