ADVANTAGES OF FACE TO FACE OVER ONLINE TEACHING-LEARNING

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The onset of COVID 19 Pandemic resulted to the transition of classes from face-to-face to modular and online teaching. Many teachers claim that these teaching modalities can be challenging but is also rewarding; especially the online approach. The online students feel a sense of belongingness in the learning community. One disadvantage of the online learning is that the level of student learning is easy to assess and can regularly communicate with students without being face-to-face. Constant feedbacks and clarifications on difficult concepts which can be very time consuming for the creative instructional strategies of the instructor may be requested by the students.

However, in this school year, no face to face learning was ordered by the Department of Education through its Secretary, Leonor M. Briones because of healthy issues brought about by the Pandemic. Thus, even it is appropriate for teaching-learning; teachers and students will be engaged in the modular and online approaches.

There is an existing connection between teachers and students in an online education. In e-learning, teachers must adjust their teaching in order to effectively facilitate learning online. Creating an environment of social presence is essential for the success of online education. Social presence is defined as the ability of participants within the online learning community to project their personal characteristics into the environment.

In online learning, students are essentially just watching a video stream, playback or reading texts and presentations. There shall be many distractions that may easily affect the learners if self-discipline and focus will not be implemented and reinforced. Thus, to
ensure the learner is paying full attention at all times; the teacher must be observant of his or her learners.

With face-to-face learning, teachers are usually in a classroom with the students, where many teachers will implement strategies to keep students to be involved and engaged as possible because it retains their attention and will most definitely encourage better results.

Summing it up, there are benefits in face to face classes; however, digital learning is a newly organized technique and will continue to grow and maybe will improve to such a point that it will overcome the traditional method.

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