ALL IN CLASS INTO ONLINE CLASS

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Late last year, a pandemic shook up the world. All countries, including Philippines are affected. Offices, restaurants, malls, parks, beaches even schools are closed down as a result of this COVID-19 pandemic. As day passed by, number of positive cases and deaths are steadily increasing, showing us what harm this unseen enemy can do. While everyone was busy thinking and doing their best to survive their everyday living, our Department of Education is taking their preventive actions and plans on how to be continually faithful to their mission to provide quality learnings in consideration of our current situation.

Alternative Learning Scheme in the midst of COVID-19 was presented by different countries. All were almost a mixed of distance learning thru online class and provision for printed modules. As our saying goes, “easier said than done.” it is now happening in our time. Our dear parents enrolled their children with so many questions running in their mind. Should they enroll their kids or temporarily stop them from schooling? Who will guide them when no one is able to? What if anyone interprets the lessons differently? How will they take examinations? What will be the basis for grading system? Online class might be easy for those who have internet connections in their house, but how about others? Printed modules will be distributed for those who are in remote areas, but what if they really need supervision? These are some of the problems this new normal of education might meet along the way, but definitely there is more.

After having several forums, discussions and consultations, our Department of Education come up with a Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan (BE-LCP), a
package of education interventions that will respond to basic education challenges brought by COVID-19. With the use of this plan the Department of Education issued an order that emphasizes that the health and safety of learners, teachers and staffs is its first and foremost priority. Learning opportunities for students may be provided thru blended distance learning. Department of Education provided some online learning tools like learning portals and commons for the students to learn in another strategy using technology. Up to this point, given that there are so many guidelines regarding our new normal set up, many of us are still wondering on what will be the effect of online class and when will we be able to have the students in one classroom. And all of us are waiting for that new normal mode of living in the absence of this Coronavirus Disease 2019.

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