BRIDGING THE NORMAL TO "NEW" NORMAL LEARNING EDUCATION

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Education must continue its purpose but only under the conditions and health protocols set by the Department of Health as experts suggest.

Amidst of this pandemic, everyone desires to be safe from the COVID-19 virus. Regardless of how tough it is—we are all battling against the unseen enemy. Apparently, there's a huge difference between the practices we had before, and the practices that we are following now that could change our lifestyle forever—from that "normal" to the "new" normal learning mode of education.

Distinctive preferences from different individuals burst on how education would continue while the virus were just around the corner. It is understandable on how the education would continue while the virus were not yet treated. It is understandable on how the community would react on this, but the Department of Education (DepEd) assured the parents and students the type of quality learning by using different learning modalities such as the use printed modules, tv and radio broadcast and even integration of technology. These different modalities are carefully planned and studied before releasing and announcing it to the public.

One of the major issues is that, not all the students have access from the internet or even signal. To solve that problem, the DepEd launched a website, DEPED Commons for example, that is accessible to everyone since it doesn't require internet connection or mobile data. The department is also developing a DepEd channel through tv broadcast
and radio that showed the different lessons from the Most Essential Learning Competencies, that would cater families who don't have gadgets could also learn.

In order to cope with this challenge, we need everyone's cooperation. Let's help each other to fight this pandemic through the advantage of education. It's not just our health that we are protecting but also the future of young learners that we are fighting for. This pandemic wouldn't be a hindrance in yearning for learning. Hence, this adjustment marks a history in the educational journey.

Bridging what we have best practiced into the new normal set up of learning will direct towards the vision and the mission of the department that is ensuring quality education for lifelong learners.

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