CHALLENGES POSED IN DISTANCE LEARNING

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In the onset of the crisis brought about by the Covid 19 pandemic, the Philippines still pushes through with the opening of the school year 2020. Different learning modalities and platforms are developed to support the continuity of education amidst compromising situations. Since physical distancing is enforced, teachers and students are not allowed to go to school. This is where other learning modalities would kick in. remote learning or also called distance learning will be the first line of contingency plan that the Department of Education will implement. Students will be provided with the access to learning activities, contents and opportunities through varied means such as printed modules, online sessions, and broadcasted lessons among all others. All of these constitute to distance learning style.

Though this style may prove to be beneficial to students but it also carries with it problems and challenges that the students, parents, teachers and school administrators are sure to encounter. Distance learning definitely will require equipment and materials. The development and production of modules to be administered both online and printed requires a huge amount of resources not to mention funding. The development of module itself should be carefully crafted so that quality of learning will not be compromised. The production of materials also need special attention because a large number of students will need more than just one module. A module must be produced for each subject and a student takes 7-8 subjects.

Discipline in performing distance learning is badly needed. Since students will be left to study on their own, the schedule when and where they will conduct their studies
will be greatly affected by other disturbances they may get which are not normally present at school. House mates, house chores, television, gadgets and even the surroundings may all pose as hindrances for the student to focus on learning.

Distance learning requires self-learning. Though teachers may be consulted if the students have difficulties with the lesson but this can be done all the time. There are instances that the student already find it difficult to understand the instructions at school, what more if they are left to study on their own. Parents and other older siblings may provide support but still it is the teacher who can fully give all the clarifications that the lesson entails.

These are just a few of the concerns that distance learning has. For sure there are other problems that might occur along the way. But even if these problems are expected, they can be managed and succeeded.

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