CONQUERING CHALLENGES IN EDUCATION IN THE MIDST OF PANDEMIC

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When I was in my college days, I always hear this simple yet meaningful quotation from my teacher saying “Remember future teachers, Once a teacher, always a teacher”. That time I really don’t understand the real meaning of the quote. The only thing I know, when I graduate and pass the licensure examination, I have the chance to stand in front of the pupils and teach them, that’s it!

But now, we’re living in the midst of a big threat not only in our health but also in the education sector. As a teacher, it gives a pinch in my heart knowing the possibilities of delaying the school opening. It gives me lots of questions, like how children learn, when the pandemic ends, what if it takes a long time before the vaccine or medicine to develop? Is this really the time to stop hoping that the education will continue this school year?

Fortunately, we’re living in a country where education is very important as well as the health of every Filipino especially our young people. They will become our greatest treasures someday. They will become great leaders, doctors, engineers, nurses, architects, agriculturists, scientists and even teachers too. That’s why the Department of Education together with all DepEd employees find ways to reach out our dearest young people and give them hope. Education will continue using new platforms.

We already know that some pupils are economically living under-resource setting, and with those children with special needs. We know the fact they can’t afford education using the digital platforms like online learning. Our task as a teacher will be hard and
there are pupils out there facing more severe challenges. Pupils with no internet connection or no computer to be used will need support, as well as those with learning difficulties or below average students.

We need to consider those pupils who are slow when it comes to mental ability.

Those are some of the reasons why education leaders with their subordinate create different modules that are suited to the needs of each learner. We do believe that everyone has the right to education and as part of the education sector we will ensure that nobody will be left behind especially in this time of pandemic. Yes, indeed, there is no perfect or easy way to win this battle. Working together as a team, nothing is impossible. I do perform my duty even without this covid-19, and now that we’re facing this virus, still, I will do my part and perform my duty as a teacher to continue the education and be part of the solution.

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