CRITICAL ROLE OF PARENTS TO HELP ENSURE SUCCESS OF MODULARIZATION

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Modular Approach in teaching-learning process is a teaching modality recommended by the Department of Education (DepEd) nowadays. It is the most popular choice of parents for their children, according to a survey conducted by the (DepEd) Central office last July, 2020. Parents play a crucial role in acting as a guide and model for their children now that face to face classes are not allowed because of the COVID 19 Pandemic. The use of modules in the teaching-learning process like other modalities such as online classes and TV/Radio instruction are models of the Blended learning. Modular approach is considered as a form of distance learning. Responsibilities of teachers include monitoring the learners’ progress, and guiding those who need special attention. Parents’ roles are tagged as the “More Knowledgeable Others” (MKOs). At present, students in the elementary and secondary levels use modules in the comfort of their homes. They have limited contact with teachers that will place parents or guardians as the learners’ model or the “More Knowledgeable Other.” Parents are not replacements of teachers. “She further clarifies. As MKOs, parents or guardians should: be responsible for interacting with teachers, barangay representatives, and other stakeholders to acquire the various materials and resources needed by the learner (i.e., modules or textbooks, and regularly check the child’s workweek plan and make sure that the learner sticks to their schedule. It is just right for parents to guide their children in their educational endeavour; especially to children in the elementary grades, but not to the extent of doing the activities of their children. They need to be the guide and model both in attitude and in answering questions that may help their activities. By doing this, parents may help their children to be responsible students even without teacher-student interaction. It is great achievement for parents to have children who can be trusted at the same time responsible. They must
not think that guiding children is additional burden for them. In the long run parents are producing a dependable and responsible child who knows how to honor his commitment.

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