DEPED EMPLOYEES’ NEED FOR ONLINE PLATFORM MASTERY

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It has been more than a year since an unexpected event occurred which change the whole course of life as we know it. A virus which infects the respiratory system of any unsuspecting victim and is very contagious struck fear and worry to the hearts of the Filipinos. Different preventive measures were given by the government in hopes to prevent the spread of the virus and we the people of the Philippines no matter what status we hold were introduced to a new era. The era of the New Normal.

The concept New Normal affected everyone, you will now see people walking around the streets with facemask and face shield while they observe social distancing also public transportation and mass gathering are now being regulated but most of all jobs from all around the country is now affected especially those who rely heavily on personal interaction like restaurant, salespeople at the mall and school.

Deped employees such as teachers, guidance counselors and even administrative personnel are heavily impacted by the pandemic since face to face classes are now prohibited. Still the current situation should not hinder us from delivering our services to our learners thus, it is vital that we learn a new technique and a fresh approach on how we can give our quality service to the students despite the discouragement of face to face classes.

The key step on achieving our goal of rendering our good service to the students is by maximizing the use of internet and other social media platforms as a means of giving our lessons to our students. I believe that the use of module to students who do not have the means to cellphone and laptop is still very effective however, teachers should still hone their skills on using the internet because this will now be the new platform for seminars,
workshop and even a normal class. Teachers, guidance counselors and admin personnel should be given the proper training on how to operate different online medium like zoom and google meet. It will be a more effective and efficient learning experience for everyone if our educators know how to skillfully operate the said online platforms.

Another important step for all of this to be feasible is by providing our employees especially the teachers the necessary equipment like a reliable laptop and a stable internet connection. Trainings and crash course for teachers and other employees from experts in the field of internet is also highly recommended.

COVID 19 brings a lot of changes to the lives of everyone. Definitely, the good old times will be surely missed however, for the said pandemic to be completely stopped a collective effort from everyone is needed. All of this shall pass and I hope that we will still be able to bring back what we lost but for the meantime, I say that we embrace the New Normal and let us all obey the safety protocol so that we may win the battle from an enemy that cannot be seen.

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