DEPED WEBINARS: TEACHERS’ GIZMO FOR THE NEW NORMAL

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The existing pandemic has unsettled the education system, creating a new situation for all the educators. The typical school arrangement—face-to-face interactions with pupils and assemblies with colleagues—is something we avoid at present. In an article entitled “COVID-19 Webinar: A new world for teachers, education’s frontline workers.”, it was stated that in such unprecedented and uncertain times, it is normal for people to experience higher levels of stress and anxiety, teachers included. Teachers need socio-emotional support to face the extra pressure being put on them to deliver learning in a time of crisis as well as support their students’ emotional needs.

Teachers must be open to being students for the moment as well. This means having to “unabsorb to absorb,” meaning setting aside traditional practices to give way for new ones that will prepare us for teaching under the new normal. This is why teachers are positive in attending the Department of Education’s (DepEd) webinars and upgrading trainings.

The DepEd’s webinars enable us to learn strategies, techniques, methodologies, and approaches for online and modular teaching. They also hone our technological skills, encourage physical wellness, and provide emotional and mental health support.

To mention a few, these include the DepEd EdTech Unit Webinar Series, the Stronger From Home Online Workout Series, Vibal Group Webinar Series, and the A New Beginning: Call to Personal Leadership Psychosocial and Heightened Mental Consciousness webinar. Programs like these help us grow holistically and invest us to have the essential tools and skills for the coming school year.
Division of Bataan also conducts ‘webinars’ intended at organizing teachers to adapt to alternative learning systems. Some of this webinars are Meeting the Challenge During pandemic, Division Webinar in Science Content and Teaching Strategies in the context of MELC for Grades 3-6, Division Webinar in Math, Webinar Training on Physical Fitness, IPCRF, LRMDS, Zzish. Indeed these webinars gave hope on a wide range of problems, from the establishment of training and support for teachers to the tests of distance teaching.

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