DISCIPLINE IS THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL EDUCATION IN THE ‘NEW NORMAL’

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During this time of pandemic where safety and security of each individual with regards to health is at great risk, education pushes through the boundaries in pursuit of quality and continuous education. The Department of Education, though has been and still is being bombarded with comments on its bold move of opening the classes this school year 2020 – 2021, can not simply set aside the fact that education is one of the primary weapon in the combat against the looming crisis caused by the Covid 19 pandemic.

But this move, though commendable, has to face numerous challenges in ensuring that the youth continuously receive knowledge and skill enhancement in means and ways possible.

To address this pressing concern, DepEd strengthened the implementation of the Alternative Delivery Mode (ADM) of Learning. Previously this style of education was utilized for the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program catering the out of school youth who can no longer catch up with the regular schooling due to personal concerns.

Today there have been numerous webinars conducted in the hopes of providing adequate training to both students, teachers and school administration in handling ADM. These efforts may prove to be effective, beneficial and well suited to the present situation of the society. But there is a catch!

For ADM to be fully successful there is a main aspect that needs to be strengthened further, stressed out, emphasized and made fully aware among the students. It is like the main ingredient in a soup bowl of knowledge ready to be taken by the youth hungry for knowledge. And that is DISCIPLINE.

Discipline is the key element in achieving a successful education under the ADM program. A student subjected under the ADM program, will have to study on his or her own and receive limited guidance from the teacher. Guidance can only be solicited through remote
communication since face-to-face interaction is still prohibited in the country. With this regard, the student needs to equip him/herself with enough discipline in his/her system of studying. This means that sticking to the scheduled time of studying, managing time for play, rest, study and other house chores. Juggling them in a perfect balance so that one is not dropped off.

If the student lacks discipline and the parents or guardians fail to support the student in studying by implementing discipline, then education is doomed to fail. ADM requires independent studying which leans primarily with discipline and reinforcing good study habits.

That is why parents are the best source of motivation for education in these crucial times. Parents will have to be firm in implementing rules of education in the house. Hence parents need to impose discipline so that student will imbibe discipline until they reach such lengths that they will have the initiative towards education with less monitoring from the older ones around them.

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