DISCORD AS AN ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PLATFORM AMIDST COVID-19

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Learning amidst this pandemic has caused the Department of Education to adapt in presenting educational materials ensuring continuous education. Wherein DepEd Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones has a stout perspective that education must continue.

Thus the Department of Education carefully planned and provided different ways to cater education. Whilst, in the implementation of the Learning Delivery Modalities, it is critical for educators to be well-equipped and knowledgeable to successfully implement LDM across the nation.

One of the delivery modalities under LDM is Online Distance Learning wherein the teacher facilitates learning through online platforms endorsed by DepEd through webinars prior to the facilitation of distance learning. These online learning platforms are Zoom, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams, and Messenger Room. The aforementioned offers online audio, screen sharing, and video conferencing occurring real-time through the use of modern day technology with the help of a stable internet connection.

Meanwhile, Discord is often used by gamers and Generation Z as a social networking site to stay in touch with their online and real life friends. By which, this platform offers the same features with the aforementioned online learning platforms. As well, Discord presents a user-friendly interface for the learners and as well, teachers to easily navigate the website. It is free, easily accessible and doesn’t require high-speed internet to maintain the connection.
This pandemic has cost a lot to everyone. It seemed like the world suddenly stopped, massive changes had to be done to cope up with the sudden shift of reality. As this change has been challenging for all of us, exploring other platforms applicable and more suitable for ODL to still thrive in learning amidst Covid-19.

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