EDUCATION CONTINUES DESPITE THE PANDEMIC

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As the COVID-19 coronavirus disease continues to pose threats, stress, and strain to the general public, life has directed towards the New Normal.

This New Normal has made our lives a little more complicated as we have to deal with changes – changes in lifestyle, sociaods, and priorities.

The Department of Education has also made the necessary changes to make sure that education continues at all costs and that no learner will be left unattended. Relevant to this thrust, the Department Order No. 018, s. 2020 (Policy Guidelines for the Provision of Learning Resources in the Implementation of the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan) was issued to provide measures that will ensure that teaching and learning will continue using a modality that will fit the context and situation of the majority of learners in schools.

As in our District and Division, a limited percentage has access to gadgets and the internet, radio, and television. Most of the learners are into modular print delivery. Thus, our schools will be using the self-learning modules prepared by the Central Office and the Schools Division Office of Bataan.

While there may still be qualms about modular-print learning, this is the delivery that seems to be the best fit for most learners.

While we still have doubts as to how the parents and family household will be able to facilitate learning in their own homes, modular print is still the most accessible and deliverable. Parents and the community should not worry much as to how this modality
Publications will prosper because DepEd personnel – teachers and administrators will make all means possible to visible and reachable to cater to the learner’s queries and confusion. While it will be both uneasy and a bit complicated how the learners and teachers will communicate, all possible means and measures will be scheduled and tried to provide the needed intervention for teaching and learning.

Phones and internet connections will all be busy, and memo pads are useful at this time of modular print learning. Local officials are requested to help deliver intervention materials if it is not physically safe for teachers to go house to house within the community.

For as long as face-to-face learning is still not safe and possible, we will have to contend ourselves in making modular print learning happen and make the most of it in the process.

For this Pandemic School Year 2020-2021, though this may be tough and rough, the Department of Education and all the schools will do everything to continue in delivering quality education to all and for all learners.

Yes, it may be difficult as it is a new norm, but with faith, cooperation, and determination, we can all make education possible.

References:

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