EDUCATION IN THE MIDDLE OF PANDEMIC

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A huge test is facing the whole world because of an infectious disease called Corona virus or Covid-19. COVID-19 is a respiratory disease caused by a new virus. It is a disease that is easily transmitted to other people and is deadly. Because of this disease it has changed the life of every person. Work, transportation, business and other activities of the people stopped. Fear, anxiety, depression can be traced to people because of this disease.

So, the government agency has taken various steps to continue the public service. There was so-called quarantine or indoor maintenance and safety protocols such as wearing a facemask, face shield, social distancing and use of alcohol to ward off this disease.

DepEd is one of those who has shown resilience and determination to continue the education of students despite this pandemic. They believe that COVID 19 is not a barrier to learning and fulfilling student dreams. They have laid out various strategies and procedures to the IATF or Inter Agency Task Force to further the education of the student.

So the class opened on October 5, 2020 due to a thorough study and explanation by DepEd Secretary Leonor M. Briones. In this regard, the department is promoting Distance Learning where Face-to-Face Learning will not be allowed and only learning packets will be given to the students. And to address this, DepEd has released steps to be taken by schools and teachers to implement Distance Learning in a Modular Home-based Study manner. As a result, the parents' fears and anxieties about Distance learning have disappeared and not face to face.
When distance learning began for public schools across the country, there was a big difference between the usual “face-to-face” classes. In face to face classes, children go to school and are taught by the teacher while in distance learning, students are just at home and focused on their gadgets --- laptop, tablet, TV and radio. There is no longer the routine of a father or mother delivering a child to school. No more school buses and so on. This is what the pandemic changed, the COVID-19

However, the new approach posed an even greater challenge not only to teachers but also to parents. If before, only teachers guided children while in school, now the guidance of children is more needed. The responsibilities of teachers and parents are broader. In distance learning where modules are answered by children with the guidance of their parent.

The Department of Education (DepEd) is ready because they have prepared more than 6,000 educational TV and radio shows for students across the country. Students who cannot access the internet because they are far away will be taken self-learning modules. He said the teachers will look for the accommodation of the students to deliver the modules.

New teaching methods so it is only right to guide children properly. When they are not guided, teaching is a waste. Everything will be meaningless.

Distance learning is a big challenge not only for teachers but also for parents. They also need to communicate with each other so that children can understand what is being studied. They must work together for children to succeed in their studies. This pandemic is a big challenge for teachers and parents that we do not know when it will end. But we Filipinos believe that God's help and mercy are limited and that this plague will also disappear.
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