EDUCATION IN THE PANDEMIC: A TEACHERS' STARTER PACK

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This COVID-19 pandemic has caused a global turning point not only in the country’s industry and economy, but also in the history of education in the Philippines. Despite all these, the show must go on; so, as life and education.

Hence, on October 5, 2020, commenced the first day of public-school classes in times of Covid-19 pandemic. Teachers all over the Philippines has dedicated their lives, as front liners in Education for living by the “No Child Left Behind” policy despite the pandemic. Teachers are utilizing a lot of modalities in reaching out students for bringing education at their doorstep at times like these.

Thus, here are the Teachers’ Starter Pack for Education in the Pandemic.

Never Ceasing Patience and Benefit of the Doubt

Modular or online learning is never new to us since distance learning has been utilized by most schools even from the past. There could be a lot of instances that teachers could not confirm and assure the situations of learners in their homes. Teachers would always have the maximum patience in understanding and anticipating worse scenarios or factors that might affect the learner’s participation, focus, and performance.

In line with this, the teachers should maximize their support system in guiding and keeping these learners to hold on to their education and goals despite these probable academic hindrances by listening and trusting them.

Geographically Advantaged
Home visitation has been being practiced even when it was still in the face-to-face set up. However, there is more risk to conduct home visitation at times like these. Despite that, there are some instances that teachers are opted to do this for reaching out learners who have not been active, decided to drop, and possible to fail.

Teachers, especially those who are in rural areas, should expect a lot of literal walks of life since the teachers will be the ones who will look for these learners and not their parents nor the learners. It would be helpful that teachers should be more familiar with areas and places their learners are residing.

Resilient

A lot of unemployment, poverty, criminality, abuse, drugs and corruptions have been going around in the news. And the Covid-19 is one of the greatest concerns people are worried about. No one has planned or even wanted this pandemic to happen. It was also never an excuse for no matter what people are going through. Dark times are inevitable in one’s life and this pandemic can be classified as one.

However, being resilient should be one of the survival traits that teachers should have. Where resiliency is; there comes hope. A lot of dreams and plans were deferred, cancelled, and even given up. People feel frustrated, anxious, and depressed as this pandemic has taken its place in our lives. It is normal to feel this way. It is okay to pause for a while and look at these situations from a different perspective. It is easy to say, we have to move on. But setting your mind on this is better. The ability to bend and keep going should manifest in teachers at times of the pandemic will truly be helpful.

This pandemic is only a phase in our lives. This will not hinder Filipino people to dream, work on it, and achieve it. Serving the country at times like these is an honor and we play a big part in rescuing and recovering the losses of this country in the pandemic. Let us see this as an opportunity to learn, bend, and be better as we guide those who will follow our step.
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