EMBRACING THE NEW NORMAL EDUCATION IN THE MIDST OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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The COVID-19 pandemic has given the whole country a rapid change as it hastily embraces the whole world. One of the badly affected is education. It has brought a lot of changes in the school setting and the modes of learning.

At the middle of this challenging scenario, here are some of the suggestions on how can we cope up with the new normal setting of education:

1. Keep a positive mindset. This is the first thing that we should have nowadays. Having a lot of positivity will make us go on in performing our duties even though everything in our teaching and learning scenario has changed a lot. Just let go of the negative thoughts and feelings and everything will work out well. There will be a lot of incredible changes during this time but with a positive mindset, we can manage to surpass these difficult times.

2. Embrace the utilization of the new teaching modalities. There are a lot of modalities that will make education run amidst the pandemic. These include the modular learning, online teaching, TV and radio broadcasting and blended mode of learning. The challenge for us teachers is to choose the appropriate mode suited to our learners taking considerations the factors that might affect their learning. We need to accept that these modes for the meantime, will be our normal mode of teaching. Our resourcefulness and creativity will play important roles in whatever mode we intend to use.

3. Know your learners. Although our learners will be performing the school activities at home, we should do our best to connect with them to get to know them well. If
you are well-updated with your learners’ socioeconomic status and family backgrounds, you can appropriately choose the suited mode of learning for them. We need to consider also that not all learners can afford to have gadgets to be utilized in online learning. As a teacher, you need to accept and respect this fact and do your best to plan on how can you deliver your teaching fairly to them.

4. Collaborate with parents. Always remember that parent involvement always matters. We need to give credits to the parents on their important role in their children’s studies during this pandemic. Find ways to get in touch with them so that they can give the guidance and support on their children’s learning at home. Parents are experts in dealing with their children while teachers are experts in instruction. With the help of each other, nothing is impossible.

5. Have faith. Prayer and faith will help us get through this pandemic. These two will certainly give us hope and keep us to be steady as the number of infected cases arises. Although what we need right now is science which will combat this deadly disease, still along with it, we need the miracle of faith. If we believe in God and have faith, everything is possible.

In general, the critical thinking of the students, the undying effort of the teacher, the collaboration between the student and the parents, and the effective communication among the students, teachers and parents are the best ways to embrace the “New Normal” of the educational system.

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