EMBRACING THE “NEW NORMAL” THROUGH BRIGADA ESKWELA

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Is the Filipino trait of bayanihan still alive?

The Department of Education (DepEd) is raising this challenge as preparation for this year’s Brigada Eskwela, National School Maintenance Week, starts on June 1 up to August 29, 2020.

As a response, this is the best time to show our solidarity, concern, compassion and helping hand and to reawaken the "Bayanihan spirit" that ensures that the learning environment of the school is ready before the opening of classes.

Brigada Eskwela had initialized the "Bayanihan Spirit" within the school community, encouraging volunteers to invest their time, effort, and even donate resources such as paint, cement, lumber, and items that could be used for minor repairs and constructions.

However, given the country's current situation as it faces a health crisis caused by the pandemic, Brigada Eskwela will deviate from the traditional concept of physical cleaning, repainting and minor school repairs and instead give priority to preparations and enhanced partnership to ensure that quality basic education continues despite the challenges posed by COVID-19. That is why, the school wished to receive face masks, alcohol, hand sanitizers and other protective gears to ensure the health and safety of every member of the institution.
The week-long “Brigada Eskwela” has evolved into a fresh packaging of cooperation between the educators and the parents of schoolchildren amid the coronavirus pandemic.

We need to participate and contribute our time, effort and resources to school maintenance so that we can guarantee that all public school facilities are ready for school opening.

The Brigada Eskwela today is given a brand new packaging, but it is built around the same spirit of cooperation all in the name of quality education.” - Regional Director Salustiano Jimenez

Thus, the pandemic must not hinder us to be able to offer quality education to our learners. Let us continue to cultivate their garden of hope and help them to build the castle of their dreams.

Let us embrace the "new normal" and make Brigada Eskwela’s goal possible through hard work and determination to find innovative ways to make sure that learning continues without sacrificing the health and safety of schoolchildren and the teachers as well.

References: