FRONTLINERS BY HEART

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This global pandemic, the COVID19 virus, has brought a sudden, 360-degree change in our lives. No matter how horrible this situation is, the only way to move forward is to adapt to it. But sadly, some people had a very negative mindset during this pandemic. Instead of finding ways on how to adapt to the changes it brought, they continuously complaining and blaming others as well as the government. Even teachers can’t get rid of it. It’s very distressing that they questioned our job particularly our salary. They are voicing out that “No Work, No Pay” should be employed for teachers as they instill in their minds that we are not really working.

Yes, teachers are not conducting the swab testing nor the rapid testing. We are not disinfecting the community. We are not assigned to any checkpoints. We are not a member of the contact tracing team. We are not also a member of Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT). We are not treating the infected patients. We are not providing nursing care according to patients’ degree of illness. We cannot provide life support treatments to severely and critically ill patients. We are not seen wearing a full protective gear or full protective equipment.

Every individual is unique so as every profession is unique. We cannot compare one profession to another. Professionals have different job descriptions, so teachers’ job is different form doctors, nurses, etc. We have different roles in this society. We are all doing our best to fulfill our duties and responsibilities.

Though teachers are not seen as frontliners in the fight against COVID-19, we continuously delivering education to our youth despite the unfortunate circumstances.
The delivery of education has been a challenge for us, but we keep on finding ways and putting extra effort to make it possible. We have many sleepless nights and we untiringly making and printing modules, activities, and reading exercises for the learners. We attend different webinars to capacitate ourselves for the new normal in the education. There are lots of sacrifices we could face for the sake of providing quality education for the learners. Even without this pandemic, teachers are already doing all these things for the learners wholeheartedly.

Above all, we are not the so-called Frontliners during this time of pandemic. We are not the doctors, nurses, or members of the medical team. We are not the member of the disinfecting team or BHERT. We are TEACHERS. But indeed, as a lot of people, did not recognize, we are Frontliners by Heart as we make a big difference in the life of every learner. We are bringing out dreams and keeping those dreams come true. We educate beyond limits.

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