GETTING ON TOP OF THE CHALLENGES IN THE NEW NORMAL EDUCATION

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It was a year ago when everything in this world turned into chaos. Not because of wars, not because of natural disasters, but because of the Pandemic.

Pandemic – one word, yet everything paused for a while. The economy and all private and public agencies, all aspects, and that include education. Everybody was involved; everybody was in deep confusion, from the students to parents, to teachers, to the admin. Uncertain of what needs to do next. Presumably, education will also stop because of this phenomenon.

Hence, we are educators. Nothing can stop us from making learning possible. We have faced many challenges as we are trying to bend the Normal Education making it the New Normal instead. Coping to what is “in” only to understand what is with the New Normal.

New Normal Education? The teaching-learning process takes place in a situation where students and teachers do not meet face to face. Online, Modular, TV and Radio have become very much popular in this new trend. They suddenly alter the Chalks and Blackboard, Role Playing, one seat apart techniques of the Normal Education.

Most of the provinces in the country have adopted Modular Distance Learning. To resolve problems with internet connectivity, the agency offered printed modules. Another modality provided to students who can afford to attend their classes using the Internet and Gadgets is Online learning. DepEd also launched TV and Radio-Based Instructions to help students cope with their lessons, especially Math subjects.
Learning within the new normal may be a challenge for the teachers, students, and even parents. So how did we cope up with these changes?

Parents have paid full attention to their children. It is one advantage that the New Normal brings us. They become more mindful of the everyday learning their children have acquired. Parents have set enough space for their children that will serve as their study area. From this, children become more motivated to learn.

Students gradually learn to be more independent. Modular Distance learning teaches them to allocate enough time to finish specific tasks every day. They established a routine aligned to their Weekly Learning Plan. Through this, students have learned how to manage their time wisely.

Teachers? They have been mold to complement the New Normal Education. Giving ample training and webinars, which will serve as their defense in their New Battle. Teachers learned new knowledge in terms of technology that will suit their students’ needs. Through this, they become more globally competitive, and they serve the 21st-century role of a teacher.

The Administration continuously adjusts the system to have a better New Normal. Still, the department ensures the achievement of thrusts and goals even if it is pandemic time.

In this time where most people have become confused, and everything seemed to change and uncertain. One thing is Positive; Through the challenges that we faced and continually handling with, we stepped out of our comfort zone, we have changed for the better, and we have got the top of this challenge.
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