HOW TEACHERS PROMOTE SOCIAL CHANGE IN THE NEW NORMAL?

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In our community, teachers are looked upon as an individual who can bring positive changes in the lives of people especially children. They are seen as natural leaders who give advice on various affairs in the community. They also served as a role model of the community. They are seen as key factors of change within programmes and projects on learning. They are also regarded as an instrumental way or promoters of ideal teachers.

Teachers bring social changes especially now that our community is facing a great challenge which is Covid-19.

As teachers, we can also promote social change by providing accurate information relevant to the New Normal. If someone asks about the Covid-19, we can tell them the accurate information listed, avoid saying opinions or misinformation; we can also provide them information by giving them links posted by our LGU. Likewise, we can also post information posted by legit person or groups.

As teachers, we must also set an example of Readiness to face the effect of Covid-19 how? by attending webinars that will increase our knowledge and expertise in our field during the new normal. New Normal classes are expected, new set of rules, new strategy to teach our pupil, new modality to be used and new skills to be honed so, we must ready our self to the new environment, accept changes and learn how to deal with it.

We can also set as role model of our community. We as teachers should inculcate positive attitudes towards changes. Explain to your friends/ family members that instead of
sulking over the help coming from the government, make yourself a contributing member of the community. Instead of waiting SAP, do some small business like selling banana cue or processed meat. Tell them that you can still be productive even if there is Covid 19.

As teachers, we must follow all existing protocols set by the government. By doing this, we can inculcate to our community that everyone should be a follower of the protocol, no one is above the law.

Teachers should promote that education is important even if there is threat like Covid-19, education should not stop because education is not limited in the classroom, they can still learn inside their home because there are different modalities to choose from.

We can assist in changing their attitudes, how? We can change their attitude or perception towards Covid-19 by explaining to them or giving them hopes that time will come that, we can eliminate the virus, we can continue our life after the vaccine has been developed. We can also post on our social media account positive thoughts that can enlighten their soul, instead of all negative thoughts, let us consider the good things brought out by the virus like the production of backyard gardening and family time. During the lockdown, family has more time to chat with each other, bonding moments increases for family. Some people develop love for plants, they started urban gardening and plotting of vegetable garden. Some of us, develop love for cooking, some of the food industry closed during lockdown. People started cooking their food.

During the lockdown, we can observe some of our teachers doing social services like donating foods to less fortunate neighbour. Upon seeing this, some of our neighbour also followed their works, there is an increase on the donation drive for the most affected families. We as teachers develop camaraderie, concern and responsibility towards our
community. Community worked as one, their love and devotion for our community has been developed.

As teachers, we must accept changes and do what we must do to improve and be a better self that can promote social changes within our community.

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