IS EDUCATION PANDEMIC PROOF?

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Education develops character, improves the mind, broadens our knowledge, and empowers us to be self-sufficient. Ignorance is dispelled via education—it provides us with the opportunity to maximize our abilities; and it is a mental transformation. The training of the human intellect is incomplete without education. The human mind was designed to be educated, and without it, a person is lacking. Without education, man is like a prisoner in a closed room with no way out or in and is cut off from the rest of the world. That is how important education until it was shattered by a devastating virus.

Scientists discovered a new infectious disease caused by a Novel Corona Virus in early January 2020. Since then, the COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc not only on countries around the world but also on schools and institutions around the country. All face-to-face classes were canceled during the school shutdown, forcing many institutions to instantly switch from face-to-face in-person instruction to entirely online classes. Many teachers and students who prefer in-person instruction have found the abrupt transition to totally online learning to be extremely unpleasant. Teachers have found creating good online classes in a short period of time to be extremely stressful and difficult.

During this difficult time, this new manner of learning brought on by the COVID-19 epidemic may be an additional burden. The Department of Education will continue to integrate technology into education. Technology must be easily available, simple to use, and appropriate for the purpose, so that learners who choose to learn remotely can have timely interactions with instructors and receive immediate feedback on their progress, just as they would in a classroom setting. To decrease the achievement gap, educational
leaders must examine their techniques and resources to see how they might better help students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

This pandemic brought devastating effect to the education sector. Its effect will remain for the next couple of years to come. But the value of education can never be changed. Education is the key to a healthy mind and a successful life, according to individuals all around the world. Other parts of the world are already opening its school and slowly managing to make education accessible again. According to UNICEF, schools may come to an end, but learning must not. During the epidemic, UNICEF assists educational institutions in preserving continuity and quality of instruction. With our government’s effort to restore in-school learning once again, it is also our responsibility as responsible and informed citizens to assist the government in achieving this goal.

The onslaught of the pandemic threw us all on the verge of collapse. Different sectors especially education was badly affected. As schools may soon reopen, the surrounding environment will change as well; learning spaces will be reorganized, and cleaning stations will be set up. Another striking reminder of the "new normal" that may face us soon. Efforts made to bring education closer to people again should never be overlooked. After all, life and so as education must continue- with or without a pandemic.

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