MAXIMIZING TECHNOLOGY IN THE NEW NORMAL

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Technology is one of the most applied means in delivering education to students in this new normal. The paradigm shift from face to face to virtual setting has made a great impact on the education sector and in all the significant people involved in the academic process. Awareness in utilizing new technologies and applications has become rampant due to the need brought about by the unexpected impacts of the pandemic.

Using technology, even before the COVID 19, was already a means of a more effective way of teaching. However, during that time, not all teachers put effort in learning it and becoming familiar with it like the back of their hands. Not today. Teachers are slowly embracing the need to truly learn and understand how to maximize the use of technology to help them deliver the needed learning of their students.

Various apps and websites are continuously being researched, tried, and experimented on. This is not only for teaching purposes but for the other related tasks teachers need to accomplish such as reports, attending trainings, webinars, and meetings, collaborating with other educators, communicating with students and their parents/guardians, among others.

It is important to appreciate the benefits of technology to make its use more meaningful. Some of the advantages include helping teachers conduct online classes and meetings, creating tests and getting immediate results, enhancing teaching and learning experiences thru the use of various engaging online resources, and accessing instant and wide information about many subjects and topics that help supplement both teaching and learning needs. Equipping teachers on the best online platforms to use is crucial and is
one of the main goals of the Department of Education today. Thus, webinars that equip teachers in this aspect abound. Teachers are now more familiar with the many uses of the Google drive, Google meet, Zoom meetings, Microsoft Teams, social media platforms, and many others. By using technology consistently, teachers become more adept to it and are able to exploit all potentials helpful to their students and to them in fulfilling their respective tasks.

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