NEW NORMAL: HOW TEACHERS SHOW LOVE AND CARE FOR STUDENTS DURING THIS PANDEMIC

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Like any other sector, the on-going pandemic had a significant impact on the sector of education. Due to the pandemic, the education system drastically transformed enabling a paradigm shift in teaching methods across the globe to substitute traditional classroom learning to transition into online and modular learning. Efforts are being made in order to provide uninterrupted access to quality education for the students to learn.

Due to resilience and determination of teachers and educators, the education sector quickly adapts to the new normal. New modes of teaching were adjusted ensuring that learning is still accessible to every student that are in different circumstances. With the method of learning shifted from classroom to the comfort of the home of students, the role of teachers also evolved. Teachers are expected to upgrade their knowledge specially on the current technologies to deal with online mode of learning. As teaching method shifted, teachers are expected to come up with different methodologies and techniques to meet the learner’s requirement.

In the height of COVID-19, teachers are experiencing several difficulties, including the disturbance of set up instructional projects and schedules, the fast change from face-to-face learning to far-off learning, and uncertainty about personal health and safety. With all this happening, teachers always find a way in order to reach their students and make sure to give the quality of learning they deserve. Since teachers do not meet their students in-person, the parents of the students are responsible to drop by the school and get the module for the students and some other cases. There are parents that cannot go to school because of several reasons.
In these cases, the teachers are the ones who will go to their student personally to deliver the modules in order for their students to answer. With the threat of acquiring the infection, teachers are willing to take this kind of sacrifices so that their students will receive the knowledge and learning they deserve – this is a love for teaching. A teacher will not abandon any of its students not only because it is their job but also because they care for the future of their students. In this hard times, sacrifices must be made so that learning will continues. In this case, a teacher had to sacrifice his/her own safety to provide adequate learning for students.

This new normal imposes challenges among teachers, students, and parents. It takes a collective effort to learn under this new method of learning. There are limitations teachers can do to transfer knowledge and learning to students. Parents should help in filling the gaps of this limitations for the students to receive the quality of education they deserve that they need and be able to use once this pandemic is over. Learning of the students must not be compromised even in this kind of situations. Teachers will teach, students must study, and parents must provide guidance, with this, the education of students will continue and their hunger to learn will not stop.

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