NEW NORMAL CHALLENGE IN EDUCATION

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Despite of the start of academic year 2020-2021, Department of Education especially teachers are busy preparing the new normal set up in education. It is not easy to cope up on the challenges brought by the pandemic- COVID19. Education specially teachers must need to transform themselves in order to transform, adapt and identify the education challenges experiencing in our country. The learning-from-home mode, abruptly changed the roles of us teachers, learners and also the parents. The need of independent learning requires that teacher shift to be a designer of learning and parents became the facilitator of learning. As Senator Angara stated that “Education is key for generation of Filipino to become full-pledge, productive members of society”, that’s why we should embrace the challenges we experiencing in a new normal set-up in Educational system in our country.

According to the recent hearing of Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture, 10 million learners or 36% who are enrolled on this academic year. Addressing the issues, we experiencing right now, Department of Education continuously implementing the different learning delivery modalities including distance learning that best suited in continuing the learning process.

However, while we are adapting the massive shift in education, a big question to ask is, if we are completely ready or we have to freeze this academic year if it needs to be. All it comes down to the different concerns in internet connectivity, and the issue of curriculum and educational supplies/materials. Integral resource for the family is also one of the challenges in new normal. As a teacher we have to call on and support the
parents or guardians in order to empowered to help us in the learning process of the learners.

All of these issues should be carefully and properly built into our educational system but one thing is for sure, that whatever it may happen the Department of Education specially us teachers will always find simple ways in order to make our new normal challenges lessen and we will be able to transfer learning process smoothly.

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