"NEW NORMAL" MUST EMBRACE

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The pandemic has brought anxiety to families. Essential workers or frontliners need to be away from their children for a longer time for the safety of their families at home. Some students are still experiencing fear and grieving for family and friends lost because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Most parents in public schools do not have the capabilities to provide the necessities of their families with more of the other materials needed for their kids in school. Worse of it, the kids feel and witness these at home. They also experienced loneliness and isolation because of the disruption of the normalcy of schooling. These factors hinder ensuring that the learners are ready for this learning amidst these heavily charged situations.

We must step back for a little while and consider all those who will be marginalized and deprived in the new normal. We do note that our digital connectivity is not even decently connect every device that we have at home aside from the fact that there is a lack of budget to purchase gadgets needed by the learners in the family. We must wake ourselves up to reality. And the harsh reality, this has been the situation of many Filipino families, even before the pandemic began.

We are now having litmus for schools. Though we are not fully prepared, we transitioned to distance learning due to lockdowns. Online, blended learning, self-learning modules (printed/digital), radio, television, and some to continue learnings due to school closures. Education must continue no matter what the situation we are facing.

The life we knew has changed. The school environment is truly different. The situation now is challenging. It is even more challenging for those who do not like change at the
best or worst of times. The “New Normal” must embrace by everyone without neglecting the well-being of the learners at-home learning on their own.

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