NOT FROM THE TYPICAL NEW NORMAL

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The battle begins, and the rookies of education are facing the invisible giant.

Researches shown that the universal distance education had reached 94% of all the learners in the Philippines as they face non-classroom-based schooling. The Department of Education reported that more than 21 million Filipino students have enrolled and participated for this school year. It had been claimed as one of the success parts of the Department complied with President Duterte’s advice about the opening of classes this year. Undoubtedly, DepEd Secretary Leonor Briones’ fierce and tough decision to face the new normal also served as an adherence of bravery in the name of education.

It is a timely mantra that teachers became teachers because of the unlimited capabilities that he can do when it comes to his passion--teaching. However, this Covid-19 pandemic could be the greatest test of the decade that no one is ever prepared for. The test comes after the question of, “How will we endure? How will we embrace the new normal without sacrificing the education of the students?” The teachers have all the reasons to GIVE UP, but they only have one reason not to, because they are teachers and they are born to burn the flame of wisdom.

Bombarded with a lot of rants coming from the people who do not understand the real struggle of teachers, it is very saddening. Seeing things on social media, who question the roles of teachers and the shortcomings, the expectation, the doubt, and even the salary, seem the worst part of this new challenge in education. The worst thought that education seems losing is the values.
Recently, the modules that the students were distributed. The next thing that people are blaming is the teachers who made an error inside the modules. This is frustrating. Whatever the situation is, people always bringing out the worst of the things, and even using this season in order to put shame, and to put blame. This thought might be good to fonder. The pandemic wanted us to show not just surviving, but also to live life worth every second. However, people tend to use this time as bragging about self-entitlement. Very frustrating.

Let the teachers do their job. Do not forsake them. Do not shame them. No one can ever tell how every hour in their everyday life is being sacrificed just to bridge this distance learning. No one can ever tell how every tear of tiredness and long-lost nights of not sleeping becomes a new normal to them. No one can ever tell how teachers endure the cycle of this worst case that hindrance them to show their full potential.

This is enough.

This pandemic put us into a new normal in education. We can conclude that the youth are not just the ones who need the real education and values. We are always students in life. Time will tell that after this pandemic, it is not just about who survived, it is also about who have learned from this dark moment.

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