OVERCOMING CHALLENGES OF TEACHERS AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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With the advent of this pandemic, many of us are scared, nervous, confused, and above all, have doubts about what to do with the situation we face. Almost all sectors of our society are affected: young, old, rich, or poor, workers or businessmen nobody is excused. The Department of Education (DepEd) is one of the agencies of the government that accepted the challenge on how to give quality education for all notwithstanding this Covid-19 pandemic. But, how? Are all the teachers equipped with the skills needed for the “New Normal”? Teachers felt that they lack the confidence and skills to adapt to this “New Normal” in education.

But worry no more, ever since the implementation of the ECQ (Enhanced Community Quarantine) DepEd officials and their members have been relentlessly looking for ways to promote the education of the youth. Meetings are made with the latest technology to discuss the steps to be taken. The implementation of the intensified Distance Learning Modalities has been the response to continue the education of the learners.

With this scheme, various webinars and training are provided for all the DepEd personnel: teaching and non-teaching staff. Trainings such as enhancing their skills in the different modalities, how to adapt to digital classrooms, and other different workshop aims to expand their knowledge, competencies, and understanding so as not to waste a year of young learners who wish to continue their education despite the pandemic. Thus, this training boosts teachers’ confidence, equipping them with skills, and prepares them wholeheartedly to accept this challenge.
Although the type of education today is different compared to the usual, it is the "New Normal". We must not worry, but face it with hope and confidence that after a dark time “there is a rainbow always after the Rain” (South Border, 2004).

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