PANDEMTEACH

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It’s been a year since the COVID-19 hits the Philippines and the county was placed under state of national emergency. This brought so many challenges not only to various economies all over the world but also in the educational system. Nevertheless, education and learning should not stop if so, our economy will lose human capital. This answers the question why education continues in the midst of pandemic.

In the Philippines there are more than 27 million Filipino learners that need to continue education despite of the pandemic. The Department of Education ensures Filipino learners to receive accessible, relevant and quality education in order to produce a holistic Filipino learner with 21st century skills even without the presence of face-to-face classes. In DepEd Order no. 012, s. 2020 Learning Continuity Plan for School Year 2020-2021 in Light of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, it is done to guide the schools and community on how education continues. Thus, ensures the quality education, safety, health and well-being of the learners, teachers and personnel of the Department.

There are multiple learning delivery modalities provided by the Department of Education that suits the needs of each and every learner to ensure that no learners shall be left behind. There are also online trainings and seminars provided by the school to orient the teachers, parents and students to the new normal set up of the educational system. As teachers, how are we going to teach in the new normal?

Blended learning is a learning delivery which learners make use of self-learning module, it may be an electronic copy or printed one. This module is based from the
learning competencies and evaluated by the experts. By this way, students continue learning at home and may enjoy learning with the guidance of the guardian or parents. Under the distance learning there are four types; the modular learning, wherein the self-learning module will be given to the students in printed form. Thus, most learners have chosen this type of learning delivery modality. Next is the online distance learning, this delivery fits those learners with data or internet connection. Third, the TV-based instruction/radio-based instruction, wherein these two are fitted to the students who do not have android phone and internet connection and those living in the mountain areas. Fourth is the blended distance learning, it is the combination of the distance learning that are listed above.

Among the given learning delivery modalities, we cannot deny the fact that it is hard to teach during this pandemic. There are lots of complains about the content of the module, there are complains coming from the parents and the students. But what we need during this time is to help each other, uplift each one of us and give our best for the benefit of our dear students. Just like what the saying goes there is no single strategy that fits all the learners because every learner is different. Moreover, no matter how high the technology is, still no one can ever replace a great teacher.

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