PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT IN ASSISTING CHILDREN IN THE DELIVERY OF LEARNING MODALITIES

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At present, our country and other countries in the world are experiencing the massive havoc brought to us by Coronavirus or COVID 19, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). Because of this present predicament, everyone is put under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and later to Modified General Community Quarantine (GCQ) through the guidance of other government agencies like the Department of Health (DOH), and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG). The Department of Education, (DepEd) is one of the government agencies that are greatly affected by this deadly virus.

The Department of Education announced through Secretary Leonor M. Briones, that the Learning Delivery Modalities for public and private school students will be through Blended Learning; which means that the students, especially those who will be enrolled in the kindergarten or in the elementary grades, with the help of their parents will choose among these delivery modalities to be used at home.

Blended Learning System is a learning delivery that combines with any or a mix of online distance learning, modular distance learning, and TV/Radio-based Instruction. It will enable the faculties to limit face-to-face learning, ensure social distancing, and reduce the quantity of individuals outside the house at any given time.

Apparently, parents will have a big role in this kind of learning since this will be done at home through digital platforms or the internet especially if the children are in the Kindergarten or Elementary Level, wherein parents may assist their children in learning.
Exceptions to this are parents who are computer illiterate, who may opt for modular modality.

Many of us believe that education starts from home. Parents are the first teachers of their children; and they have a key role in shaping up their values and character, which we believe cannot be addressed well by their teachers through online education. In a regular, face to face class, it is presumed that all teachers are Values Education teachers a balance of education at home and school molds a student’s actual learning. In this time of Pandemic, parents will serve as a helping hand in their educational journey and travel with their children in these critical times. Parental involvement and encouragement since time immemorial had played a crucial role in successful students. The parents’ role is not limited to household chores and discipline, but involvement in school activities too. The family, school and community serve as partner in making the functions and boundaries of education. These three groups of an organization can create conditions for an effective learning.

Parents are the perpetual guides of their children, more so in learning through different modalities such as the modular approach. Parental encouragement and support for learning activities reception combined with parental involvement in schooling is critical to children’s education. Therefore, beyond educational achievement, parental engagement is associated with various indicators of student development.

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