This COVID19 pandemic greatly affect everyone’s life - from the normal way of walking on streets up to the professional way of interacting. Many Filipinos lost their jobs due to limitation of income by companies that needs to minimize their expenses. As a result, Filipinos who don’t have job ventured in different means just to provide the necessities of their family. One of those means of accumulating money is online-selling – a shift of office and/or work environment to the comfort of their home through working at home setup. Through the current situation that we experience, news, social media sites, and even the education sector called this period as new normal. In which, through COVID19, we somehow changed our way of appreciating things and seeing the best and appropriate for us to survive. We aren’t prepared for this kind of turned table event, yet as a Filipino we have this unique ability to cope and/or to adopt in every situation that we have. Nevertheless, school year 2020-2021 was already started last October 05,2020 because the Department of Education was very adamant with their stand that “learning must continue”.

In connection with the battle of continuity of education, DepEd proposed Different modalities that have been considered the different situations of each learner – not all shoes fit to everyone. In the case of DepEd –Bataan they conducted surveys to each student together with their parents about the preferred modality of learning. As a result, the office together with the school personnel identify the appropriate modality that can be used to ensure that quality education takes place amidst pandemic.

As a teacher who has the direct awareness in our school status, especially to our students, mostly of our students have chosen and utilized the Modular Distance Learning. In which according to Manlangit, Paglumotan and Sapera (2020), Modular Distant Learning (MDL) is a form of distant learning that uses Self-Learning Modules (SLMs) that were based on the Most Essential Learning Competencies (MELCS) drafted by DepEd. The modules consist of different sections that assist the learners to fully grasp the lesson intended for that session. Furthermore,
Bayocot (2020) recognized the important role of parents in the new normal education. Despite the changes in the education set up, both teachers and parents must be optimistic in supporting the new modality of education that they have (Dayo, 2020). Teachers must assist the parents beforehand for the parents to facilitate and to help their children in understanding the lesson. Providing guidance to the parents through explaining some difficult tasks can make the work easier. I personally experience to be called and/or texted by the parent who experienced difficulty in understanding the lesson. As a teacher, extending your effort can truly move the education wheel.

We are in the middle of the school year, 2020-2021, we may gradually accept the reality of new normal education and address the challenges but we must come with a solution positively for the betterment of everyone in the near future. Teachers and parents have pivotal role in moving the education wheel. We just need to accept that every one of us, especially the parents, must collaborate to each other to make quality education possible.

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