POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON EDUCATION

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As covid-19 pandemic hits not only in our country, but the whole world, all of us felt so worried. All schools were closed. Students and teachers were advised to stay at home. Academic school year unexpectedly ends to ensure health safety of all students, teachers and administrations. As the days go by, the pandemic rapidly grows even today. The expert in the field of medicine doesn’t discover the antidote to cure those people who are already affected of the virus. We’re already on the second quarter of this new academic year but still the threat of virus is anywhere. Yes, indeed, our current situation is quite devastating. Sometimes, we feel so helpless but remember in any circumstances there are positive and negative effects. Let us try to balance these effects.

In these challenging times, the need for creativity and flexibility must be the key to success and getting through to this pandemic.

Here are some of the positive and negative effects of pandemic on education.

Positive:

- Advancement and deployment of technology and virtual learning has greatly improved.
- Increasing the awareness in e-learning setup
- Students have enough time to answer their given assignment and activities
- Enhance the creativity of the students.
- Good opportunity to acquire new skills.
• We have saved money on daily supplies and electricity as staff and students work from home.
• Parents pay attention to the importance of education.
• Students have a chance to experience learning and homeschooling with their parents.
• Students become more responsible to perform their task.
• Parents have a chance to develop their skills in teaching, they become creative and resourceful to meet the need of their children in education.
• Parents value the role of teachers in the education of their children.
• Good Samaritans heart arise among parents and pupils, they extend their help to the needs of their schools.

Negative

• All school were closed.
• Limit the socialization among children there is no contact face to face physically
• Not all students have an access to internet, it may lead to struggling to study online due to lack of resources and that may lead to bad achievement on their academics.
• The opening of the class was delayed and learning must be hampered, although it might be short term.
• Some students have no parents or guardian to assist them to their homeschooling set up.
• Some parents are not able to enroll their children due to lack of income.

Whatever this pandemic brings, there is hope in our hearts. Better days are not yet to come. Keep believing that there is hope in every situation.
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