PROS AND CONS OF THE MODULAR APPROACH IN THE TEACHING-LEARNING PROCESS

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For the past decades, the education sector, in its attempt to improve students’ achievement has encouraged teachers to use varied strategies, techniques and approaches, and let students manage their studies. At present, the Department of Education (DepEd) in our country is facing an enormous challenge in terms of the different modalities used in teaching-learning process in all public schools both in elementary and secondary levels as a result of the no face to face classes brought about by the COVID 19 Pandemic. This stemmed because of the complaints, requests, and suggestions of both parents and their children plus other stakeholders and the community; even some politicians are urging DepEd to consider resuming face to face classes.

Numerous education experts generally agree that Blended Learning Modalities bring numerous advantages in teaching-learning in terms of flexibility access and choice. According to the Glossary of Education Reform, Blended learning is an approach to education that combines online and in person learning experiences when teaching students. These include online teaching, like the flipped classroom, modular approach, and TV- Radio Instruction.

Consequently, the DepEd have increasingly employed modular curriculum structures in an attempt to cater to the more diverse student groups. Modularization is an emerging trend in educational thinking that shifts traditional to an outcome-based paradigm The curriculum is divided into small discrete modules and are typically short in duration. Experts generally agree that modular approach has many advantages for students in terms of flexibility, choice, access and mobility. For the flexibility, the students
are given enough time to study and answer all the activities in the module. While working in the comfort of their homes, they can research from different websites in case the topic is new to them. For the choices, there are different activities which will make students learn and at the same time have fun and for the access and mobility, the schools designated different pick up and dropping points for parents in getting and retrieving the modules of the students. The objectives for each week or quarter is indicated, different salient points are explained, like what to learn, what the students already know, what’s the new lesson to be learned, more activities are given, then the students indicate what they have learned in that module and to supplement this learning, an evaluation will be administered at the end. Students can work at their own pace under an appropriate time management. Lesser expenses for transportation and food allowance may also be counted as an advantage over modularization.

For the disadvantages, number one in the list is that constructing a module is very expensive. The typing, printing of the instructional materials shall entail a bigger amount; and also the distribution of modules necessitate additional expenses. Another stumbling block, some parents play the role of students. They are the ones who read and answer the activities, making the real students idle and have less achievement.

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