REFLECTIONS ON EDUCATION DURING PANDEMIC: A SUPERVISOR’S PERSPECTIVE

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In the onset of the new normal in education brought about by the Covid 19 pandemic, huge changes, adjustments and modifications were made. The traditional manner of teaching and learning – going to school staying inside the class, get bored to death from the discussion, were suddenly altered to online and modular classes. (UNICEF 2020). This entailed a whole lot of patience on the part of all concerned. The world was not ready for what came over and all were drawn to mixed interpretations on how to survive. The parents of students were observed to be the first people to react on the mandates of continuing education amidst the global crisis (One News, 2020).

Even if there are a whole lot of commotion going on how the pandemic should be treated, considered and avoided, still students can not be simply left behind. Education is one of the saving grace the society needs to be able to surpass this crisis. Education holds the key on making people understand what is the real situation, what is the best way to prevent the contagion and know how to deal with salient problems that goes along with the crisis. These salient problems arise in form of mental health issues (UNESCO, 2020).

Yes, there are a lot of shortcomings that were seen. Modules were not produced accordingly, contents were not evaluated properly even language used in learning materials was also seen to be faulty. But in the end of it all, one must ponder, is there anyone in the country that can claim that he or she is fully prepared for this? The obvious answer is No. no one saw this coming. And so, everyone was shocked on the effects and crammed on how to mitigate the situation. Since all are new to this dilemma,
the only strategy that is sought to manage the crisis is through trial and error. Since there is no sure hit of an affective way of dealing with education during pandemic, it is expected that a lot of flaws will be observed (PhilStar, 2020) This does not mean that the writers, developers and producers of the modules are incompetent and all. It only shows that there is no sure and proven way yet developed on how to deal with the problem since this is the first time everybody encountered it. Nobody is an expert on something on the first time, right?

As a final note, the best way for everyone to survive the crisis is to extend cooperation, understanding, patience and innovativeness. Not all best answers to the new problem can be thought off in a short period of time. Time itself will be the judge whether a plan, a decision or an action is good or not. All we need is faith that in the end all will be well.

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