REVELING PARTNERSHIP AMIDST THE PANDEMIC

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In the event of a pandemic, fostering strong educational partnerships is critical. The Philippines is currently transitioning to a new normal type of education, and educators' constant innovations and active participation from other stakeholders are the driving forces behind its success. The current global catastrophe brought on by the spread of the coronavirus has damaged everyone's lives and altered lifestyles. The unanticipated reality of changing the conception of home education, or what we shall refer to as "homeschooling" or "distance learning," has had a significant impact on education.

It is everyone's obligation to educate and nurture the future generation. Learners tend to be more successful when schools, families, community members, business organizations, government agencies, and civic groups collaborate. Since the No Child Left Behind Act, additional stakeholders have demanded a more rigorous and updated curriculum, as well as school-community interaction programs. Schools benefit from a variety of resources, including volunteers, financial resources, mentors, guest speakers, school materials, scholarships, field trips, equipment, incentives, staff development, technology, building updates, and resources to enhance students' learning opportunities, thanks to educational partnerships.

The Department of Education went on to say that in order to do distant learning, it's important to develop partnerships. As this type of teaching becomes part of the new normal of learning, schools establish policies in reaction to it. As a result, collaboration is essential for distant learning to be successful.
Secretary Leonor Briones praised the Department of Education's (DepEd) external partners for not "abandoning" the agency during the pandemic, citing the agency's receipt of more than P21 billion in private funds for School Year 2020-2021.

"We appreciate your constant support and empathetic ear. Your continuing support, love, and sympathy have been an inspiration to us as we seek to continue and answer to the constitution's need for quality education for all learners "she stated.

DepEd, through its External Partnerships Service (EPS), acknowledged the exemplary assistance of 139 external partners this school year during the Virtual Partners' Appreciation program on May 14, 2021 for their sustained support in basic education, particularly in the implementation of the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan (BE-LCP).

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