TEACHERS ARE FRONTLINERS, TOO

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Stepping into the first quarter of 2020, many catastrophic titles have made the newspaper headlines. One of these global problems is the gigantic crisis in education. Teaching and learning are still going on even though difficulties rise exponentially during prolonged school closures. Amidst the educational struggles, we need to acknowledge that there are teachers who are neophytes in this context of distance learning.

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte approved for the opening of classes for the school year 2020-2021 from August 24 to October 5, 2020. The postponement of the opening of public schools from August to October reflects the challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic. However, before the said date, the Department of Education conducted different webinars to the teachers nationwide as front liners of ensuring learning continuity amid COVID-19. The webinars brought light on a wide range of concerns from planning and assistance for teachers to the challenges of distance teaching and learning. They even launched DepEd Commons and DepEd TV. This assures that there will be no Filipino learner left behind amidst the crisis.

Teachers also adapt learning modalities to technology while being mindful of their students’ well-being. They even provide Self Learning Module as alternative learning delivery modalities to address their needs, conditions, and resources. Modules are delivered in printed format to schools and the distribution remains a challenge for the teachers. We all need to understand the reality of what teachers have faced under the unprecedented hardships yet they are more than willing to give quality education for the learners. Teachers go beyond their duties.
Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, their dedication and commitment are to assure that learning continues. They are the pillars of education systems and help a dramatic transformation for the students no matter which situation we are in. We must salute our teachers because they are front liners, too. Salute to all teachers for their burning passion to make education in the new normal available to the learners.

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