TEACHER'S DAILY STRUGGLE IN THE NEW NORMAL

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At the beginning of the “new normal” in the school year 2020-2021, all were delighted with the reopening through Distance Learning Modalities. The materials needed for the pupils were prepared and distributed excitedly to the learning facilitators without knowing the capabilities of the learners until the first retrieval of modules came along. We experienced the struggles in messenger while having and doing the first distributed Self Learning Modules (SLM). We noticed that some learners did not finish all the tasks in the SLM especially subjects like Mathematics, Science, English, and even Araling-Panlipunan, and Musika. We made a lot of adjustments to address their needs. And after all those adjustments, significant progress had been visible to them.

Monitoring the progress of a learner is a must. We conducted an online “kumustahan” and home visitations if permitted by chance since we are all in the same barangay or neighbor barangay. No extra effort is needed if health and safety protocols are observed and aware that the community is safe enough to do like this. Giving feedback to our learners means giving an appropriate view of what is happening or being done. Hence, it will motivate the learners to continue striving hard. Words of encouragement are the motivational words that can give to learners, keep their eagerness to continue improving their academic progress.

No doubt! Teachers struggled in the new way of providing the learners with educational materials and ensuring access while simultaneously dealing with a great deal of pressure and concerns from the community of parents. We struggled on the first try of this new normal. We believe we will not this time.
Teachers are flexible and can adapt to the new environment. The learnings gained from the webinars be applied to continue striving hard and to give the best by attending more. Believing the skills needed in the better new normal will be enhanced.

Take all the daily struggles as an opportunity for growth and not to worry so much.

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