TEACHERS: FRONTLINERS FOR LEARNERS

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In the midst of this Global Health Crisis, many are called to response to the call of duty to take the front line and serve humanity. Despite the odds and dangers, our modern day heroes are armored with the ideals to save, help, and care with utmost passion and dedication. Doctors, nurses, soldiers, policemen, firefighters, volunteers are to name the few.

As everyone faces one of the most challenging time in all around the globe, the COVID-19 Pandemic, no one is excused for the test it gives the mankind. It immediately changes the world and the lives of every people. The usual scenarios are no longer the same. We all then started to embrace the “New Normal.”

Tagged as second parents, teachers are not exempted to continue their duties and responsibilities during and after the lockdowns to educate our learners. This noblest profession responds to join the league of the legendary frontline workers for the continuity of learning. Education was frozen for some time too. But the learning must continue. The Department of Education started presenting different learning modalities. Teachers and school heads had to start familiarizing themselves with digital teaching. Webinars and trainings were set to educate educators for the mission and vision of bringing hope and light for the hazy future brought by this crisis. No matter what, education must not stop.

Keeping students on board is one of the biggest challenges the teachers are facing right now. Teachers have found themselves managing virtual classroom, communicating with their parents and students through social media platforms, and preparing learning
materials. Online distance learning is now being used. It’s a mixture of asynchronous activities and synchronous activities. Getting online is the new world for teachers as well, especially for the older ones.

Learning transformation brings education back where it all started – in our homes. Teachers as learning front liners work hand in hand with every child’s first teacher – their parents, to make the learning process continue for the well-being of every student. DepEd, educators, parents and students must work hand-in-hand. In this time of pandemic, understanding, mutual support, unity and bayanihan are must for the hope of a better future for us especially for our children as we all heal as one.

Indeed, teachers are really like candles who consume themselves to light the way for others. Every educator must have a heart that is willing to educate and do not only wish to aspire but most of all to inspire.

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