TEACHERS IN THE NEW NORMAL

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“Today, we celebrate a great victory! We will not allow CoVid-19 to destroy our children’s education and their future.” – DepEd Secretary Leonor Briones on the opening of classes for SY 2020-2021, October 5, 2020.

It has been five months since the opening of classes and everyone are still adjusting with the blended distant learning. The public’s primary concern is how learning will be manifested with in these trying times but the major adjustments and struggles are placed on the teachers’ shoulders. Teachers’ tasks are way different than usual. From writing modules to the distribution and collection, online classes and what not.

Furthermore, this educational set up required teachers to be technologically competent to keep up with the phase. They are trained to troubleshoot and taught on various tools to use for this blended learning.

Prior this, being at home gives us a sense of freedom from working at school all day. But because of this New Normal, our home is turned into a workplace. Walls are the only thing that separates our work from our home and sometimes it feels like we are on duty 24/7 because we need to entertain our students’ queries.

Also, it became a challenge to separate the role we have in our household. We are parents, children, a sister or brother while working. Now, we are juggling these roles all at once because we cannot just help it.

Despite all the struggles, the government had been very supportive to all the stakeholders involve in the teaching-learning process. Local Government Units provided
laptops for the teachers and smart tablets for the students in some areas. These projects lessen the expenses that teachers and learners might shoulder. Parents and guardians of the learners are cooperative and responsive as well when it comes to helping the students and the teachers in the distribution and collection of modules, and in guiding the learners in accomplishing their tasks.

All things considered; this pandemic truly brought a lot of changes in all aspects of mankind. But not all changes are negative. It taught us to be adaptive to societal changes unprepared and yet we are still moving forward. It is an eye-opener to the fact that we will do everything for the education of this generation and nothing could stop us, not even the corona virus.

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