TEACHERS ROLE TO EDUCATION AMIDST PANDEMIC

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Research in the Philippines shows that the present Educational System needs to integrate a new learning platform due to the COVID 19 pandemic. That is, for all levels in public and private school- elementary, secondary, and tertiary. The Department of Education, in partnership with our National government, has done a lot of effort to improve our educational system. As years pass by, and today, as we face the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic, there are so many challenges ahead such as using the latest educational platforms like Blended Learning, Modular Distance Learning, and others that ahead of the school facilities, teachers, learning materials and others.

As teachers affected by our situation today, we need to adapt ourselves to the current trends in the educational system like using Blended Learning that aims to combine the strengths of both traditional style and online learning using technology in digital media giving learners more flexibility to customize their learning experiences. Blended Learning will help a lot to explore group or even individualized activities that utilize multimedia tools. Because Blended Learning uses online apps and programs to teach concepts, students learn at their own pace. It also allows learners to explore their abilities.

As teachers, we need to embrace the new way of life and a new way of teaching by using modern technology for those learners who can access the internet. Learning is also possible for those learners who do not have access to the internet but the gadgets they use. Teachers can help them by providing soft copies (copies from CD) of different learning modules prepared by the Department of Education. Printed modules will be given to learners without gadgets.
One of the foundations of learning is reading. As teachers, we can still continue developing their reading skills and abilities by providing them with reading materials which they can be used even at home.

This is not the end of the teacher’s role, but the biggest role of the teachers is to make the learners feel that they are still guided by their teachers even without face to face learning. There should be a continuous connection between teachers and learners through text, call, and other social media platforms.

Continuous support should be provided to parents if they have questions about the topics in their children’s modules. The teacher should give time and attention to such questions.

Teachers are facing so many challenges today but as we all know- teachers are committed and dedicated to their sworn tasks for the welfare of the learners,” Para Sa Bata, Para Sa Bayan”.

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