TEACHING IN THE FACE OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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As the world comes to embrace the “New Normal”, the educational system also embraces the “New Challenges of Quality Education”. As desirable as it should be, everyone needs to be educated. But this pandemic has brought so much for all. And the Philippine Educational System is no exemption. This global pandemic has brought a lot of restrictions. From the face-to-face mode of education to a variety of learning modalities which include, but are not limited to online, modular, over the radio, and television.

Those who have access to the internet who wish to be instructed through it may choose the online modality. Those who do not have the access to it may choose to study using SLM or self-learning modules, designed to help learners learn the lesson with less or no assistance from teachers or anyone. As DepEd claims, students can learn the lessons by themselves. The combination of these two is what they call blending. In some areas where television and radio are accessible, they are also used as supplements for instructions.

But the questions are: How is education going right now? Are these modalities truly serving their purposes? Is the so-called ‘education for all’ truly belongs to all or it is only written on paper? Do the students studying in modular modality receive the same learnings as those who have access to the internet on television and the radio? Will the same learnings intended to provide for all be taught to ‘all’ including those who are less fortunate? There are so many questions that are yet to be answered by time, but what is sufficient today is whether the ‘education for all’ is really for all.
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