THE ADVANTAGES OF TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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The Department of Education thru the leadership of DepEd Secretary Leonor M. Briones, faces unfamiliar challenges that shook the minds and beliefs of everybody towards education. Some are hesitant in the opening of classes if it should be pursued this year or need to be postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

That is why the department created a framework and strategically planned the opening of classes for School Year 2020-2021 starting on October 5, 2020 onwards thru distance learning. There are three learning delivery modalities proposed and implemented by DepEd. Modular Distance Learning (MDL), Online Distance Learning (ODL), and TV/Radio-Based Instruction.

Teachers continue to do their duties and responsibilities by working cooperatively with the department even though there is a lockdown in their area brought by the COVID-19 pandemic and they still work from home.

We should be thankful for technology because without it, we cannot carry on our duties and responsibilities at this time of the pandemic.

DepEd personnel, teachers and parents able to communicate remotely and virtually by using online platforms like zoom app, google meet, Microsoft teams and the likes.

Teachers already prepared themselves and continue to embrace the use of technology regardless of their age just to learn how to use it properly and effectively.
Various webinars were conducted and still on-going just to equipped them with the knowledge and skills regarding the latest trends in educational technology, keeping them updated and well-informed to this so-called “new normal.”

With the use of technology, DepEd Schools Divisions in different parts of the country successfully implemented the online enrolment, teachers were enabled to communicate with the parents and guardians using text, chat and video calls. We also conducted virtual graduation using different online platforms to showcase that amid the pandemic, we can still give our learners a decent graduation and recognition rites to honor their sacrifices and their parent’s unwavering support for them.

As preparation for the upcoming opening of classes, teachers also already prepared their learning modules for their students who do not have any gadgets and access to the internet. With the help of online research using web browsers, they were able to construct and prepare lessons suitable for their diverse learners in different modalities. Others utilize the different online platforms for their students by creating interactive lessons and quizzes.

Proper communications also carried out successfully with the help of technology. Teacher empowerment continues through various webinars, online meetings and the likes.

Moreover, implementation of virtual Brigada Eskwela, Oplan Balik Eskwela promoting Bayanihan does not hinder by the pandemic. Various donations from supportive stakeholders, parents and teachers were also successfully done by different schools.

Imagine the world today without technology. Do you think we can still be able to do this in this time of pandemic? I do not think so.

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