THE CHALLENGES OF MODULAR DISTANCE LEARNING

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The Philippines is facing a big challenge towards educational system nowadays. Due to the threat of the Covid-19 pandemic, the traditional face-to-face learning is not suitable to implement and the Department of Education presented its Basic Education Continuity plan, to get the education of the country’s learners back on its road.

It guarantees that the learning of every student progresses even amidst pandemic. This strategy overcomes hindrances created by the adversities through innovative means of teaching and learning, keeping our learners on track with their education.

Different learning modalities are being proposed and one of them is in the Modular Distance Learning which is widely used by most of schools nowadays. But during the implementation process of the said learning modality, different challenges have encountered among teachers, learners and parents.

First, the technical element. In the part of the teacher, formulating different modules is a difficult task especially if the teacher has no training on how to create a quality type of learning modules. Sometimes, there is a lack of availability of the printed modules. And teachers are forced to print learning materials in order to have something to give to their learners. And these materials should meet the standard learning capacity of a student. Given that these learning materials will be mostly evaluate or assess by learners on their own.

Second, for the part of the learners. The focus and concentration of the learners are not hundred percent served on their studies since there is no enough supervision at home. Students tend to avert their attention instead of focusing on and prioritizing their
homeschooling first. They are often distracted and sometimes no interest in answering their modules especially if they didn’t understand its content of the lesson written there. In this case, there is a possibility that the academic performance of the learners will be affected.

Lastly, in the part of the parents. We are all aware that not all parents are well educated and well equipped with proper education. Parents who work from home will be given additional work because they are the one who will provide tech support or guidance in their children’s schoolwork. They have to scheduled time for the distribution and retrieval of learning materials since children are not yet allowed to go to school to get their own modules.

However, through proper coordination, good communication and full cooperation of everyone, these challenges can be easily overcome. We must think that we are doing these in order to have our children a quality education in return, and that is the most important reason for all our sacrifices.

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