THE HOUSE OF HOW’S: PARENTS IN THE NEW NORMAL

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Parents have been part of the day-to-day life of every student. From preparing the meals of their children, providing allowances or “baon” for their school requirements to attending meetings or conferences during quarterly PTA meetings. Many parents become accustomed to this routine until COVID-19 pandemic happened.

This pandemic greatly affect the education sector not just in the Philippines but also the whole world. Because of this unexpected event, the Department of Education (DepEd) created a plan for new normal type of education as they follow their mantra “Education must continue”. However, this new normal situation in education serves as a challenge for every parent.

How are they respond to the unending questions of their children? How will they facilitate the new set-up in their houses? How will they support their children’s even they are not an educator? These never-ending “how’s” of the parents is one of major concern of DepEd as they created the Learning Continuity Plan (LCP) for this school year.

With these questions asked by the parents, several virtual orientations and programs were facilitated by the different DepEd offices to ensure that the parents are well informed and ready in adapting the new normal in teaching-learning process in educating their children. Furthermore, they are being asked via survey what kind of learning modality will best fit their students’ needs and capabilities.

As the months passed by, parents adjusted to this kind of setup. Some of them chose the modular learning method, wherein the students will study and answer the printed modules given by their teachers to the parents or guardians. On the other hand,
some parents picked digitized module scheme so that they will not go to school and they just get the digitized copy of the module via messenger or e-mail. If they have questions, they asked the subject teachers or the adviser through texts, chats or calls.

As parents navigate to the new way of learning, they learned how to live with new patterns, new techniques and new habits. In addition, as they keep asking themselves the different “how’s”, they learned the different “by means of” and in this time of pandemic, they discover that if they find ways, no efforts will be put to waste.

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