THE IMPORTANCE OF STRONGER PARENT-TEACHER COLLABORATION IN THE NEW NORMAL EDUCATION

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Teachers and parents play a vital role in children’s education. Parents who are more concerned about their children’s performance in school are more likely to boost their confidence. Teachers who communicate with parents about their children are more likely to produce successful learners.

The strong partnership between teachers and parents influence the progress of learners. Communication and feedback will serve as an initial step to guide the learners to improve or solve any struggle he or she experiences.

In this time of pandemic, the collaboration will be much needed. Pupils will study at home where parents and guardians will guide them while they are learning. Teachers will be on support with the parents through communication via chat or a phone call.

The following must be considered for a positive parent-teacher relationship:

1. Communicate often. Teachers must expect that parents are not so knowledgeable about the lessons to take up by their children. It is a must that teachers must give time to answer queries through various channels. While pupils answer the modules, teachers will be on duty in their own homes waiting for questions. This will contribute to the smooth delivery of remote learning. Vice versa, teachers will communicate the results of the module to the parents for improvement.

2. Be warm. Always be encouraging. Be lively and friendly when answering questions. It will make the mood lighter and will make them feel welcomed and free to ask anytime.
3. Trust each other. Assure the parents that your discussion will be confidential. In this way, they will feel safe to share anything about their child and communication will be transparent.

4. Show empathy. Understand how each other feels. Parents, especially during this pandemic need more adjustment. Full time learning from home is new to them. Struggles when it comes to the assistance they can give to their children especially on the lessons that even them cannot understand. Learn to talk to them in a friendly manner so that you can develop a rapport with them.

Continuing education in this time of pandemic is very crucial but with the positive and healthy relationship between parents and teachers, everything is possible.

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