THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ENGAGING LEARNERS

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Maintaining the engagement of children amidst of COVID 19 Pandemic, particularly secondary school students is critical. Dropout rates are still very high, and a long period of disengagement can result in a further increase. Going to school is not only about learning math and science, but also about social relationships and peer to peer interactions. Learning to be a citizen and developing social skills is what it means. Moreover, it is very beneficial to stay connected with the school. This is also a time for learners to develop socio-emotional skills and learn more about how to contribute to society as a citizen. The task of parents and family, which has always been extremely important, is critical in that task. So, a lot of the help that the Department of Education provides, working through mass media, should also go to parents. Messaging through radio, tv, sms can all be used to provide tips and advice to them on how to better support their children. Webinars or seminars using internet regarding the participation and cooperation of household parents give a clear and adequate information about being attached to school and home.

There are threats that hinder the engagement of students like adequacy of facilities and learning materials and the curriculum, acceptability of education, quality and standards, accessibility of school, availability of classrooms & teachers, affordability of going to school and availability of jobs consistent with education, skills and competencies learned for secondary education. A leader should distinguish how it affect the program in education’s access, quality, governance & partnership to assess the school environment. It is also beneficial to settle the relevant information that will help achieve
the vision, mission, values, and objectives of the organization through gathering various information via surveys, focus group discussion, interviews etc.

As to mental health and social emotional wellbeing considerations, the principal with the help of teachers, parents, and other stakeholders must create a policy related to minimum health standards and with the assistance of donors, parents, and local government.

“Before the day begins, you are not yet engaged in any physical activities. And it is only physically that you are constrained by the limits of time and place; mentally, there are no such boundaries”, This quotation plays a big impact in learning nowadays because even though were not attach physically, we cannot only use our mind but also use our heart to be stay engaged to our learner without face to face appearances. Staying engaged in doing things to achieve purposes of outer value that we forget the inner value, the rapture that is associated with being alive, is what it is all about. We must therefore engage the learners so that whenever the negative vibe calls, we may find the learners occupied.

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