THE TREND OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND ITS ROLE IN THE TEACHING-LEARNING PROCESS AMIDST THE PANDEMIC

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Before the Pandemic arises, humans have become attached to the use of technology. Most people can no longer live without a glimpse of it. The use of Computers, Smartphones, and other gadgets has been beneficial to this Computer Era.

When COVID-19 started spreading out in late 2019 in some countries and suddenly expanded worldwide in early 2020. It has grown into a Pandemic. Physical Distancing has been one of the options to protect oneself from getting infected. Because of this, Digital Technology has become one of the necessary mechanisms in all aspects of life. The Government, The Economic, and even the Religious Groups adjusted to cope with the New Normal. Everything has become digitalized. And so Education does.

Digital Technology is a digital device, method, system created by using this knowledge. Most people use digital technology to call their relatives, which they cannot see because of the Pandemic. Its uses are for entertainment purposes, news updates, and other means of fast communications.

Educators also realize the advantage of using digital technology in Education. The Agency uses its resources to pursue the teaching-learning process without fear of face-to-face encounters.

How does Education maximize the use of Digital Technology? Teachers are well-equipped with Webinars on Digital Technology. From papers and pens to GSUITE and MSo365. From tear sheets to PowerPoint Presentations. From Drawing tools to
PhotoShop and Canva. Computers have become their blackboards thru online classes. Social Media has turned out to be their best friends.

Digital Technology has made a tremendous impact on Education. It has become one of the media to make the teaching-learning process take place. Perhaps, making this School year a success despite the challenges that everybody is facing. Consider this phenomenon happened ten years ago or 20. There will be more severe problems that Education would cope up; there would a probable academic freeze, and the teaching-learning process would face the worst scenario.

Pandemic is an unforeseen scenario that shocked every human being living in this Era. It has developed distance to all of us. Society itself has undergone a transformation from traditional to a new culture; everything has changed. Digital and Virtual are the two words that have remained popular these days. The trends limit our social being but not our mental one.

Education is a continuous learning process. Digital Technology helps it to attain it. However, we should always consider that we are human. We will use the technology but not let the technology use us.

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