WHAT AWAITS IN THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR?

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Last year’s reopening of classes had been the subject of many debates. Many were suggesting skipping the school year so that no learner gets left behind. Some were willing to try distance learning. Within a short time, education has transformed due to Covid 19. We aimed for one goal, to deliver the learnings to our learners. We encountered many challenges in moving to the new environment, their home as their school now. The study became more difficult for the learners as well as for the learning facilitators. There was also the need to cope with rapidly increasing stress levels.

Distance learning by using Self Learning Modules (SLM) and daily check-ins via messenger, video calls, or even hand-delivered messages/letters had been possible. For classes that had large numbers of learners who had capabilities to attend google classroom were very grateful. It truly helped them to ease their difficulties in the learning process wherein face-to-face is not possible. These served as the lifeboat for many learners and learning facilitators during the first school year of the pandemic.

What awaits now in this coming school year is an expected one for the learners. It is not new anymore. This second school year amidst the pandemic is an adjusted one for sure. Prioritizing the learners wherein cultivating the climate of care is necessary. Focusing only on transferrable skills so that “less is more” is being considered. Overloading the learners with skills and concepts is not overwhelming. It causes stress. It didn’t help them to learn the materials. Teachers must focus on what matters and is more enjoyable to do with to reduce unhealthy workloads and provide them some learnings each day meaningfully that they can truly feel and see.
Last school year’s stock knowledge must also consider because it decreases their knowledge or is somehow not nurtured due to the learning process and adjustments made.

This pandemic enforces us in education in digitization ways of teaching and learning. Securing an internet connection for the laptop, computer, tablet, or mobile phone was the biggest problem in the previous school year. The education sector understood all these. They took this opportunity to reshape the ways of our teachings.

Heading on to the next school year, we are all hoping it goes a little bit smoother. The pandemic is far from over. We do not know what other crises might still be facing. So, it’s the right time now to build the schools of the future.

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