DISTANCE LEARNING EFFECTIVENESS THIS SCHOOL YEAR

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The school year 2020-2021 has implemented a new normal that various places around the country have been imposing to continue the education system. This new normal is inclined with the integration of distance learning. Distance learning is an educational process wherein students receive instructions from their teachers during online classes, video demos, video conferencing, or any other audio/visual technology medium. This kind of learning system enables the learners to receive an education without being physically present in a classroom. With the technological advancement in this generation, the integration of distance learning would be easy. Still, due to lack of access, external factors, and the capability of students and teachers to access and cope with distance learning, distance learning may be practical to some, but to others, this may be a challenge to go through.

According to reports and studies, distance learning is ineffective due to education factors through distance learning. Students are going in a long way of accessing digital technology, searching for internet connections, coping with weekly lectures and assessments, and managing their time in homework and home responsibilities. The effectiveness of pursuing distance learning helps the Department of Education. The teachers, students, and educators continue the academic system and not move forward in imposing academic breaks or halt in the academic year. Distance learning is also effective in that this helps create a significant benefit on learners' flexibility. Students have the privilege of engaging in some other rewarding activities, such as they can care for their family, work full-time, and earn a certification or degree. You can also set academic goals on how many courses you want to take and your plans to achieve this time of the



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year. Distance learning will be practical and beneficial, and significant if all educators and learners have a positive response and status with their performance. According to the past statistics in the report, millions of students are being left behind, not pursuing to take the new normal because they can't afford to be part of it.

The existence of a pandemic causes a lot of chaos, such as in education. Factors that we need to consider and take care of to make those students not be left behind. Even though millions of students are enrolled and can adapt and cope with the distance learning system, the others who cannot be part of it must be taken care of. To ensure the effectiveness of implementing distance learning, all of us must think of the situation of others, consider their status, the challenges they are currently going through, and how we can help them.

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