

EDUCATION SYSTEM AMIDST THE PANDEMIC

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“ Education is the passport to the future,
for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today”. -Malcolm X

When the pandemic started last January 2020, the World Health Organization announced it as an International Health emergency and the saddest news came when the first case in the Philippines was confirmed, then the following months' new cases are added that leads to the March 2020 lockdown that affects our countrymen. Many changes happen in a snap, for instance, no one is allowed to go outside unless it is necessary. Everyone is being cautious and all the authorities are getting ready and preparing their selves to be fully equipped emotionally, mentally, and physically.

For the Nation's sake, all the government and non-government agencies were closed and that being said all educational institutions across the country are ordered to shut down so that learners could follow social distancing measures which result in 2 years of not having a proper education. The Department of Education adopts a new way to continue the learning process by deciding to have an online/ modular learning system that can provide the student's educational needs in the comfort of their home.

Online learning or online class is the method of using technologies like smartphone, laptop, and computer that is connected to the internet to access sites and search engines to help in the learning process, in this set up they are required to attend virtually in their class through online discussion/lectures of their teachers by using applications that gives them a way to communicate like Zoom, Google Classroom, and many more educational applications.

All students are diverse individuals with different lifestyles, in that case, not everyone can afford online learning. So, on the other hand, we also have in the Distance Learning is the Modular Learning wherein the Department of Education came up with the idea of learning modules, In this method, they are using hard copy materials or booklets that are given away to learners, and the content are based on the subjects objective, lesson proper and different activities for the learners to answer on their own. After answering they will return it and the teachers will collect, check and record their scores for their grades.

Having those ways and strategies to cope with and embrace the new educational system is truly commendable for everyone. Especially for our dear teachers and students with the help of the National Government and Department of Education.

But now, we are slowly getting back and embracing the new normal situation. Many offices and educational institutions are operating and practicing the comeback of face-to-face classes while following the different rules and health protocols. Everyone is trying their best in adjusting to the new normal and hoping those good things will continue to happen.

To sum things up, in every situation or any circumstances that come in our way, Communication and freely participating and getting involved is one of the best ways to get things done with flying colors.

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