

IMPORTANCE OF DIGITAL LITERACY AMONG TEACHERS AND LEARNERS

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The world we live in is constantly changing. Everyday has a new modification or changes. What we used to do, are now prohibited to be done. Look on the changes brought about by the deadly COVID 19 virus. Previously, we can visit any place we want, but because of the deadly virus, there are some restrictions on this. The changes that we are experiencing are representation of a significant period in our lives. And If we may notice, nowadays, majority of these changes have been technological in their nature, especially in the present teaching-learning process because of lockdown in many regions and provinces.

The pandemic's consequences on schooling practices have been and continue to be seen on a daily basis. Classroom teaching ground to a halt, every forefront of the school was propelled to remote learning. To adapt to the new digital world, teachers were forced to rethink their methods of teaching -learning delivery. Thinking that the different learning modalities will bring about a “revolution in learning”. Parents, teachers and the learners assumed that there will be no returning back to normality of chalk and talk.

Relative to this, the former Department of Education (DepEd)Secretary, Leonor M. Briones, said that classroom type of education seems out of reach, hence, the DepEd suggested ways to the everchanging teaching landscape, and one of these is the blended learning, which is a technology -based training, as well as traditional face to face teaching, Modular modality and Radio-TV instruction, as a proactive response from current COVID19 pandemic, however, this school year, the face-to-face classes will be reintroduced.

In these pandemic times, there was a rise in the technology curve within the teaching profession. Many felt excitement of teaching outside a face-to-face classroom allowing learning any time of the day. Some of the teachers think that they need to polish their technology literacy for the benefits of the learners. They must bring their technology expertise in the virtual classroom. Teachers will inevitably move to a more blended learning in this kind of situation. They must know how to adopt their methods using technology smartly and intelligently to take care of certain aspects of teaching. and it will allow teachers to address more diverse needs.

Teachers can never be replaced by technology; however, their technological skills will be a great help in their teaching which will offer a huge opportunity in such a way that teaching facilitates learning and its quality will be enhanced.

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