

BRIDGING THE GAP FOR NEW NORMAL EDUCATION

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It has been two years since the start of the distant learning and blended education. The pandemic has prompted the government to implement innovative ways of education.

Department of Education (DepEd) has utilized different ways of teaching. We came up the Self-Learning Modules (SLM), we also used social media platforms while GOOGLEMEET, ZOOM, GOOGLE CLASSROOMS, and MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS. DepEd also made the use of broadcast media. We improved the Radio-based instruction and also TV. The Department has modernised the TV-based instruction through the birth of DepEd TV. Teachers were trained to be anchors and broadcasters.

As the pandemic subsided, DepED finally rolled out the full-blast face to face classes for school year 2022-2023. This is the start of a new chapter for Philippine and it also marks another challenge for the system- BRIDGING THE GAP.

The 2-year modular system has brought about changes among learners. Since they have been at home for 2 years, they find it quite strange to come to school again. They are now in the process of the adjustment from being away from school.

To bridge the gap, the department is now implementing ways to aid the needs of learners. First, DepEd promulgated trainings and webinars for teachers in implementing the psychosocial analysis among learners. Next, at the opening of classes, the teachers oriented both the parents and the learners of what to expect in face to face classes. This is done to prevent the children to experience culture shock. Also coinciding with the

opening of classes, the Psychosocial Analysis activity was also conducted. This is implemented to assess the mental health and welfare of the learners. As we all know, some have experienced emotional and mental disturbance.

Furthermore, to continue bridging the gap and connect the missing link, DepEd also suggested the teachers to adjust and go back to basics. This action is done to make sure children will not learn in hurried manner. Some skills were reviewed, revisited and even taught again, to refresh the knowledge of learners.

All of these are done to make sure that the learners will find face to face learning enjoyable one and pleasurable experience.

The pandemic may have created an onslaught on education but DepEd makes sure we bridge the gap to attain the success of new normal education.

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