

## ENDURING ENDURANCE

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It used to be just figures seen on television and across the internet, we were completely unbothered then. In just a snap, these figures became numbers that started to alarm us, as if these mere numbers are drawing closer to us, little by little. In it just a flash, these numbers turned to colleagues, the unimaginable has managed to creep into the field we have been protecting for a long time.

Covid 19 is everyone's worst enemy to date. The battle with the invisible virus always caught us off guard for we can never know when will these viruses strike when it is time for us to prepare and what to expect every single day. It is already a very long battle, very exhausting. Just thinking that it is far from over is torturing. When do we have to endure these trying times? or until when can our endurance last?

The pandemic slows down all movements on the earth's surface which resulted in unimaginable upshots. Morong National High School was not spared. The entire faculty and staff fought very hard for the school not to be penetrated by the virus. But what must happen is bound to happen. We just found ourselves having a colleague who got infected until some more colleagues followed and the record just goes on until we lost track of it.

The school which we used to consider a safe space is no longer safe. Our unbothersome about the current situation has shaken us tremendously and we started to get frightened about our health and our family's health. We can never know if it is in the school where we can catch the virus. We never know if our minute or hour-long interactions with colleagues is still safe. Until no one was allowed to go to school. The

school turned into a ghost town with empty classrooms and dried leaves scattered from a not well-tended garden. This is the sudden sight of the school.

But what feels bizarre and satisfying at the same time? We continue to accomplish our tasks and deliver our duties despite anything that gets in the way. We continue to brave the school to prepare, distribute and retrieve modules, we continue to collaborate with our colleagues in person if needed and above all, we continue to go out of our way to deliver quality education to our students. It seems that all our actions would forge delightful reactions no matter what the situation at hand is.

Morong National High School holds firmly to its philosophy of continuously delivering quality education in this time of the pandemic if means are deemed safe and favorable to all the people involved. The school although an embattled institution would continue to work and won't let be impeded by the already excruciating health condition in the country, still with high priority given to its stakeholders. The school managed to turn the current situation around and looked at it as an opportunity for growth since the condition wheedled the school to be more creative, strategic, and innovative.

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