

## WINNING STINT

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"Edukasyon ay isulong! This has been DEPED's rallying cry ever since COVID 19 predicted unimaginable impacts on education. But has anyone heard the cries of those fighting for the nation's educational system?"

Every day should be a contest that many people should win, with the existing chaotic world serving as the field of combat. It's as if we've started a conflict that has already been going on for months. No one is aware of the last game yet. Everyone seems to be engaged in the fight of their lives against the Corona Sickness, a virus that has severely affected us.

One of the industries that has been negatively impacted by the epidemic when it first emerged is education. Since then, no DEPED employee has remained silent about the pandemic's potential impact on education. And lo and behold, a plethora of backup plans were anticipated and created to make up for the possibilities and time that the epidemic destroyed in the nation's educational system.

The students' side, which ought to have been polished and scraped with lessons months ago, has suffered the biggest damage in this invisible combat. These pupils, who were dubbed as the future of nature, are battling for mental enlightenment and development as a result of their continued lack of access to an unlimited education. Despite the current circumstances, DEPED continues to work on repairing the path and strengthening the basis of learning to prevent the country's educational system from collapsing.

Who then forms the foundation of DEPED, from which all of these activities spring? These are the teachers who significantly contribute to the department's lofty and selfless goals; they are the teachers who lean against walls to focus when they are tired; they are the teachers who lose awareness of day and night; they are the teachers who have taken up space in their homes to set up workstations; they are the teachers who sit, eat, and sleep next to laptops and papers; they are the teachers who, like our health care system, are driven by their passion for teaching.

Due to the current demand for education, teachers today have a fair share of front line workloads. The pandemic has nearly turned everything upside down and radically transformed normal living, including education. Numerous safety precautions and regulations were put in place long ago, and they prevent face-to-face interaction, which finally led to limitations in the way that education is delivered.

The pandemic's present effects have opened the way for DEPED's creative and strategic workaround plan known as Alternative Delivery Mode of Learning (ADM), which was created to maintain education in the face of the pandemic. In order to stop the spread of disease, remote learning modalities that emphasize distance between students and teachers are referred to as an alternative delivery mode. Online learning, modular learning, and television and radio-based education are some of the distance learning modalities. Of the three, modular learning has been most widely adopted by schools because modules serve as the primary learning resources.

Due of the delivery and retrieval techniques suggested by DEPED, modular distance learning appears to be taxing on teachers because it consumes so much of their time from module design and evaluation to printing and packaging. Although there have been numerous questions over this, new DEPED memos have solidified the system that requires teachers to distribute and retrieve the modules. The department reaffirmed that teacher safety is of the utmost concern, which is why tight measures are being implemented to reduce the hazards that teachers would experience when conducting

modular distance learning. These precautions include the cleaning of returning modules and the donning of personal protective equipment by teachers.

598 members of the teaching and non-teaching personnel had contracted Covid 19, according to a Senate committee report from DEPED, Elmer Cruz of Philstar noted in his story. We can only pray that this figure doesn't keep growing. This has been the cry of the educators who work tirelessly to continue providing high-quality instruction. that they shouldn't go unrecognized and unfavored during uncertain times as they run the risk of contracting an invisible sickness. Mysterious hearts and brains seeking to stray away from the infection are hiding behind the impassioned expressions. Despite their anxieties, they nonetheless decide to go outside so that the students won't.

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