

## CURRENT ISSUES IN EDUCATION ON A POST-PANDEMIC SET-UP: HOW ARE WE COPING?

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Financial and economic status of families had been a long-term issue on Philippine education for our learners to pursue education thus resulting to increase numbers of out-of-school youths. Several factors are considered that add-up on the increasing key-concerns in education. Despite countless laws passed to address accessibility to basic education, many of our learners stop schooling to cope with everyday life challenges.

The Philippines' educational problems have gotten worse because of COVID-19, which has also presented new difficulties. The sudden turn of events has posted more challenging situation for our youths in continuing education in the face of heightened community restrictions. Variety of modalities were implemented to ensure the continuity of learning of our pupils which include online classes, printouts/ modules, and lessons broadcast on TV and social media channels, Therefore, the internet access of both students and teachers is necessary for the new learning pathways thus paving way to a more serious issue on digital divide.

Among other issues in education at present includes:

**Quality`** The National Achievement Test (NAT) and National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE) results from 2014 indicate that the status of primary and secondary education has declined.

**Budget-** The government continues to have one of the lowest budgets allocated to education among ASEAN nations.

Cost- In spite of the issue of money and the idea that education is a status symbol, there is still a significant disparity in learning efforts among various social classes.

OSY- Due to COVID-19's negative consequences, the increasing occurrence of OSY becomes alarming.

Mismatch- Due to a significant disparity between training and available opportunities, a sizable number of people are unemployed or receiving inadequate pay.

Social Divide- In the nation, there is no equitable access to education.

Lack of resources- Large-scale deficiencies in classrooms, teachers, and other resources to support sound learning also constitute a significant problem.

These all contribute to the overall picture of mounting worries about the current system. Knowing where we may step in and aid in our own ways by being aware about them is a terrific beginning step. Countless teacher's efforts were intensified to deliver continuous learning and keep track on the learner's performances.

At present, we, educators' together with the department must uphold thrust to double the efforts to fill-in learning loss during the previous pandemic. We must help our learners provides with the resources they require to achieve economic productivity, which aids in their holistic development and adoption of sustainable lifestyles.

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