

TRANSFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DURING PANDEMIC

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'In education, technology can be a life changer, a game changer, for kids who are both in school and out of school.' -Queen Rania of Jordan.

Even before the pandemic, most of the teachers have been incorporating technology in teaching our lessons, little did we know that during this pandemic technology will be our life changer.

Some of the ICT tools we are using to engage our learners are video streaming like Youtube, Microsoft Office & Google G suit. We also have social media apps like messenger which is seldom used in educational systems before.

Truly, it aids our teaching. In this new normal, the help of modern technology is essential. Different distance learning modalities can be done through the use of different applications such as Fb messenger, Zoom, Zzish, Google Meet, Google Classroom, Canva, and the likes. What seems to transpire only in the four corners of the classroom then becomes possible in the virtual world.

As a teacher, developing digital learning materials is a must. These supplements the modules that the students have and stimulate thinking among them.

Certainly, technology-based activities are awesome, entertaining, and new to our students. But not everyone is privileged to access it for the following reasons: First, not all public students own gadgets.; If they have a cellphone, not everyone has the capacity to access the internet; Knowing the internet connection and service provided by different

internet providers here in our country, these technology-based activities that are designed to be fun and meaningful become a burden on the student's part.

These are only a few of the limitations of using technology, however, we can't deny the fact that having access to this is really a sigh of relief for us.

Indeed, this product of science makes education possible and accessible even in these trying times, but let us be reminded that in everything we do, we need to follow ethical norms even in the use of technology, Facebook for instance has its own community standards.

Before the pandemic, some teachers are using drop box and other apps or sites. We just appreciate it more this time, but still, nothing beats traditional teaching and Google can't replace the teacher.

As George Couros says: 'Technology will not replace great teachers but technology in the hands of great teachers can be transformational'.

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