

ONE VOICE

by:

Sarah G. Nuguid

Teacher I, Pentor Elementary School

Things were not like this before. Everything changed, there were millions of us affected. Disastrous monster left everyone in fear, and nothing left except the hope that we can stand and fight back once again.

One of the repercussions that covid left in the education sector is the learning losses incurred for the past two years of pandemic. The school must have long term interventions on how to deal with the pressing concerns in recovering the literacy and the numeracy skills of the learners.

According to verse of Ateneo De Manila, the road to post-pandemic recovery must include education recovery. One hundred days is a good start to establish where the government stands with regard to addressing the said loss. It is indeed necessity for a collaborative effort not only between the stakeholders and the schools, but this must include the political will of the government to accept the challenge in closing the learning gap.

During times of crisis, government must act quickly and decisively, especially in the field of education. Schools are facing issues of continuity of operations to become more adaptive to new normal setting.

School closures have put children's learning, nutrition, mental health, and overall development at risk. The said jeopardy of learners' well-being is a difficult task to be resolved only by one organization. The partners should support the design and implementation of school reopening strategies that include comprehensive services to

support children's education, health, psycho-social wellbeing, and other needs. New methods of teaching should be imposed also to address the gaps and losses.

No disastrous monster can ever ruin our goal to improve the quality of education we have in our country, if there is only one voice heard on our walk through after the monstrous pandemic. Despite the heartbreaking incidents brought by the Covid virus, we can still be able to wear our greatest grins.

References:

<https://www.ateneo.edu/analysis-opinion/2022/10/17/blueboard-education-recovery-beyond-face-face-resumption>