PARENTS' VIEWPOINTS ON MANDATORY IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION IN THE PHILIPPINES

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The change from face-to-face classes to online learning is one of the most crucial issues in education today. Students may access course materials and study at their own pace using online learning. There are certainly some positive reactions to this, such as the ability to work from home or at a more convenient time. However, face-to-face classes have several advantages. For one thing, they are more engaging with students, which makes learning much more enjoyable. Students can also hold more advanced discussions with their peers.

Face-to-face classes allow students to engage with one another, which may be a very significant lesson in and of itself. Face-to-face classes are also more engaging, which makes learning more enjoyable and helps students feel like they are part of a group. The complete adoption of face-to-face education in the Philippines is fraught with controversy. Particularly now that the Department of Education has indicated that schools would introduce complete face-to-face classes. This news surprised everyone, especially parents who have differing views on the implementation of this shift, especially because COVID-19, the condition that began it all, is still present. Furthermore, the following are some of the numerous parent comments on the complete adoption of face-to-face education in the country.

Many parents are concerned about their children and what COVID-19 entails for them. Some parents ask if face-to-face classes are a good option, especially for those who are physically unable to attend. There have been so many unvaccinated students up until now. Their parents don't want them to; they're too young and they're not physically



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capable. With this in mind, many parents are still apprehensive about sending their children to school since COVID-19 is serious stuff.

When a student enrolls in an online course, the parent has more control over whether or not the child participates. This is advantageous since the student may take a vacation from school or engage in self-directed learning. Online lessons are also believed to allow students to learn at their own speed and have a flexible schedule between school and home.

Face-to-face classes, in which all students must be physically present in the same room, are more successful than traditional approaches. They are more successful since the teacher can watch the students' progress, resulting in a more participatory and interesting learning experience.

Face-to-face classes can be fully implemented as long as safety precautions are in place to avoid COVID-19. If the right safety measures are taken, the issue can be handled in a way that is safe to all members of the academe.

Face-to-face class implementation in the Philippines is a sensitive matter that has been discussed and contested among educators, parents, and the general public. However, regardless of how parents feel about this problem, the government is pursuing it to improve students' learning experiences.

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