

LEARNING RECOVERY PLAN – A WAY TO BRIDGE THE GAPS FOSSILIZED BY THE PANDEMIC

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As the pandemic nears its culmination, the Department of Education objectively baselines the data on the quality of education in the Philippines. As the findings start to reveal the effectiveness of education amid the Covid 19 Pandemic, learning gaps have surfaced – the primary reason why the Learning Recovery Plan is proposed.

DepEd Secretary Leonor Briones claimed that the Learning Recovery Plan is an essential step of the Department, especially since many schools are already opening as the restrictions brought about by the pandemic are slowly loosening.

Moreover, apart from the gaps highlighted by the lockdown of the pandemic, there are already learning gaps among learners. Some learners even lack the essential competencies such as the Three Rs – Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.

One testament to this is the result of the 2019 Southeast Asia Primary Learning Metrics (SEA-PLM) in which the result revealed that 27 percent of the Filipino Pupils who took the exam could only recognize single words, while when considering the matching of their proficiency level in reading, only 10 percent have matched to their ideal needed level of proficiency in their stage.

The assessment also found that Filipino learners need better writing literacy and mathematical numeracy. This is bothering, especially since studies found that poor foundation results in insufficient levels of advanced-class learning.

With the given scenarios, the Learning Recovery Plan aims to contextually identify the data present in the schools, especially those crucial to learning, and adjust the school's strategic direction towards remediating the gaps amongst learners.

Furthermore, the Learning Recovery Plan endeavors to provide data-driven decision-making that would ensure the appropriate patching of the gaps.

The LRP covers three years as its initial phase. After implementing the first cycle of the Learning Recovery Plan, Filipino students may rise closer to the top again.

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