ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF ONLINE EDUCATION

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Education is long-term learning even many circumstances may interfere. So, whatever the reason is, education must be continuous. Online learning became more sufficient nowadays especially when the time of virus arises. In the Philippines, most especially before the pandemic came, they mostly use a face-to-face basis where students go to school for education. However, the Covid-19 virus affected many lives of Filipinos. So, the Department of Education (DepEd) and Commission on Higher Education together with the Government decided to temporarily stop this method of learning because it will only affect the lives of many especially the youth. Public and Private Schools find it challenging on how they will implicate education in the safest way possible.

On the other side, subject teachers tried to cope with the emerging changes every day. As for the teachers, they are not neglecting any challenges, both gaining new knowledge and achieving a job is very important and taking it as a great opportunity for learning. They think of any alternative way to manage and execute their lesson, especially those subjects with higher percentages on Performance Tasks. Some of them find it more difficult to the sudden inflexible changes. They find the solution using Online Learning. There are many Learning Management Systems to be used, some are free, and some are not. Thus, there are advantages and disadvantages on the side of learners, teachers, and guardians or even in connectivity.

These are the advantages of Online Learning. First, it is more convenient for both teacher and student. Some teachers and students are burdened by commuting after a busy long day. Provided that they are in their respective homes, they have the chance to do their tasks and study in their own time, they can even study anywhere as long as they
have internet connectivity and gadget. Second, since they are not going to wear school uniforms, have travel costs, allowances for food, it became more affordable than the face-to-face classes. Third, online classes promote good interaction. All of the students sit in front and no one sits at the back. In this case, they will be having equal attention. If they are having difficulty asking the teacher, they can use a private message. There are many advantages when we take online learning yet disadvantages are still identifiable.

Since advantages are already covered above, these advantages will give you realizations. What are those? First of all, there will be no face-to-face interaction. Interaction is an innate part of the educational process between a teacher and a student. Most students take a lot of time to be more involved in an online class, they find it difficult to obtain and understand new information. Second, they lack self-discipline, have low motivation and have lots of distractions. Mobile games, too much use of gadgets, fantasizing about romance, are some of the factors why they got inst on concentration. Aside from that, Language engagement tends to decrease. Learners were no longer practiced using the appropriate language in any subjects, especially speaking and writing skills.

Weighing the pros and cons, both give ideas that were helpful on how to adjust and deal with the circumstances that hinder a good education. Online learning may be an alternative way in some cases but essential in the education process.

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