“An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.”

~ Benjamin Franklin

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~ President Milton D. Glick