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Dominican Republic Academy - Principal Reception Remarks

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1. The DR government is investing 4% of the GDP which in 2012 was estimated at $58 billion dollars. This investment by the government is a testament to their commitment to improve the education of the poorest segment of the country.

2. Encourage the principals to pay special attention to the youngest students perhaps the K-6 graders in terms of the new reforms being implemented such as the extended schedule, meal services and the addition of extra-curricular activities.

3. This group of principals was chosen to participate in this professional development program after completion of the 8 modules of training in your nation. The fact that they are here, is evidence that this group is deserving, hardworking and dedicated. The vision of your president, Danilo Medina, carried out by your minister Carlos Amarante is giving the needed importance to improving the education system.

4. We encourage you to go back and bring with you a renewed energy and enthusiasm and continue your work in this exciting and noble profession.