



Mayor Whaley highlights successes of City of Learners initiative

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Mayor Nan Whaley highlighted recent successes of the City of Learners initiative today during an address presented at the University of Dayton's Bombeck Family Learning Center.

City of Learners is a multi-faceted, citywide effort to support Dayton's schools and students in achieving new levels of success and to build a stronger workforce for the future.

Mayor Whaley identified the following as major City of Learners accomplishments in the program's third year:

- The Montgomery County Mentoring Collaborative, housed at Sinclair Community College, is providing mentorships to 23,000 students.
- After-school and summer learning programs will receive a major boost over the next four years, following the successful application for \$3.4 million in 21st Century Grant funds.
- Community partners are working with new state guidelines to connect employers and students to careers and support them in career planning.
- With the passage of Issue 9 in November, high quality, affordable preschool is now available to every Dayton 4-year-old beginning this school year.

"We know that high quality preschool can give children the skills they need to begin kindergarten feeling confident, ready to begin tackling reading and math and having learned how to thrive in the structure of a classroom," Mayor Whaley said. "When we invest in children's education, we are helping to create our workforce of the future. By improving our schools and preschools, we make our neighborhoods and our city stronger."

The City of Learners 2017 Action Report is available at daytonohio.gov/cityoflearners.

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