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Mayor Becker Says, “The Earlier, the Better”

Mayor hosts Summit to aid the City’s youngest residents

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH – On Thursday, June 25, Mayor Ralph Becker will host the second Mayor’s Education Summit, this time focusing on Early Childhood Learning and Literacy.

“Providing early childhood learning and literacy opportunities for our youngest residents is a critical investment” stated Mayor Becker. “How well our children learn in their early years has long lasting consequences — for the children, their families and our communities. Studies have shown over and over how investing in early childhood development pays off in the future.”

Joanne Milner, Education Partnership Coordinator for the City says, “City and municipal administrations can support early childhood learning and literacy development efforts in a number of ways, particularly by bringing community, business and education leaders together to talk about opportunities and take action. Mayor Becker has been a consistent supporter of early childhood education and has strongly advocated for investment in Salt Lake City’s future through education.”

The Education Summit will be held at the Sorensen Unity Center from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Mayor Becker will sign a proclamation creating an Early Childhood Learning and Literacy Action Team. Dr. Cheryl Wright, Chair of the Family and Consumer Studies Program at the University of Utah will be the keynote speaker. Several other experts will be on hand, including representatives from the Utah Center for Reading and Literacy, CAP Head Start, Salt Lake City School District Early Education and the Utah State Office of Education.

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