The City of Little Rock is announcing new resources aimed at helping students to access higher education. Mayor Frank Scott Jr. announced today (Tues) the creation of the Mayor's Council on Higher Education, which will be made up of leaders and students from institutions of higher education in the city. Speaking with reporters following a roundtable discussion, Scott said the council will also play a role in a new Lifelong Learning Cabinet, designed to address a broader scope of educational issues.

News04 0:25 "...children's funding project."

Scott says the higher education council will be tasked with finding ways to best invest in college savings plans to give scholarships to incoming college students as well as to create a leadership-focused scholarship program for existing students. Scott said the council will meet twice a year and will be chaired by the city's Chief Education Officer Dr. Jay Barth.

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Little Rock Mayor Frank Scott Jr. is forming a new group focused on addressing a range of educational issues. Scott announced the creation of the city's Lifelong Learning Cabinet at a news conference today (Tues). Little Rock's Chief Education Officer Dr. Jay Barth said the cabinet will be made up of four committees focusing on educational issues from early childhood to higher education.

News05 0:29 "...of their dreams."

Barth said the city is also forming a higher education council which will look at ways to provide scholarships for incoming and existing college students in the city. He says that group will be made up of leaders from colleges and universities in Little Rock, as well as students.