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## Biz, civic leaders working to improve early ed

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One early sign of success of the Early Education Commission will be when people start saying “Pre-K through 12” rather than “K through 12.”

That’s according to **Dennis Lockhart**, chairman of the Early Education Commission and president and CEO of the **Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta**.

With support from the **United Way** of Metropolitan Atlanta, Lockhart and commission co-chair **Beverly Daniel Tatum**, president of **Spelman College**, have been convening a group of nearly 30 top business and civic leaders for about 18 months to improve metro Atlanta’s and Georgia’s early education offerings.

The commission, which will be coming out with its recommendations within the next few weeks, recognizes the importance of quality education from birth to kindergarten. “Our goal is to move Atlanta to a clear leadership position to a time when all children in Atlanta are ready to succeed in kindergarten from day one,” Lockhart told the **Atlanta Kiwanis Club** on Feb. 16. “There’s no silver bullet for all our social problems, but I believe high-quality childhood education is one of the few remaining areas that can make a difference to our community over the long term.”

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