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Much has been said in recent days in the wake of Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's bold plan to transform the Cleveland Municipal School District into a first-class institution of learning.

The mayor envisions high achieving students and top rate centers of learning in an urban setting; an environment too often rift with poverty, crime and desperation.

Jackson wants to return the school district to the glory days of the 1960s and prior eras when Cleveland Schools turned out motivated students who went on to become productive members of society.

That all changed, however, when the late U.S. District Judge Frank Battisti decided to implement cross-town busing to achieve racial equality in the classrooms.

Battisti's social experiment by judicial fiat did just the opposite.

Neighborhood schools were destroyed and the White middle class moved to the suburbs or enrolled their children in parochial or private schools to avoid interaction with Blacks in their schools.

What were left of the Cleveland schools were those families that were stuck in the Mother City and the onset of all too many dysfunctional homes with females as head of households.

Gone, in many cases, was the traditional patriarchal family which is a linchpin of any society.

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And until parents and students in the Cleveland Municipal School District understand that education is crucial and learning in a non-disruptive environment is key, then all of the mayor's well-meaning plans are for naught.