Last week, Ohio Governor John Kasich signed into law a bill designed to revamp the ailing Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

For months, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, aided by a plethora of civic leaders, legislators, and the Cleveland Teachers Union has called for a new way of providing the best education possible for Cleveland students.

It has been a commendable effort by all parties involved.

At the heart of the legislation is the ability of administrators to identify failing schools and, if necessary, shut them down.

It also does away with the antiquated practice of tenure for teachers.

The new law enables administrators to get rid of underperforming educators regardless of their years teaching.

In short, it makes all teachers step up to the plate when it comes to educating our young. Gone are the days of putting in 30 years and collecting a comfortable pension.

It is now time for the “rubber to meet the road.”

On the flip side, teachers cannot carry the burden alone.

It will be incumbent on parents to “step up their games” as well. Likewise pupils attending public schools must take responsibility for learning.

For too long, parents and guardians of school students have not taken seriously the value of an education in today's society. In all too many cases, schools were babysitting services and warehouses.

Those days are gone as well.

Students and parents will be expected to share in the responsibility of education in addition to teachers.

It is only fair.

We commend the governor, Mayor Jackson, the Ohio General Assembly and all others who made this legislation a reality.

And now the hard part comes. Putting the plan into action.