With the sudden and unexpected resignation of Dr. Eugene Sanders as head of the Cleveland Municipal School District, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson made a wise and prudent choice in tapping former National City Bank CEO Peter Raskind as interim superintendent in the wake of Sanders' departure.

Raskind, a seasoned and proven executive, will bring to the table his years of experience in the corporate world to a school district facing financial struggles in addition to less than stellar academic performances by students.

We have no doubt that during his tenure with the district changes for good will be made. He did it when appointed as interim head of the Port Authority when that organization was in a quagmire.

But don't expect miracles from Raskind. After all, he's just one man.

The sole purpose of a school district is to educate its students and to prepare them to compete in a global economy, through sound academic preparation and critical thinking skills.

And while Raskind can put in place "best practices" to enable the district to provide educational services, he can't make students learn or absorb.

Likewise, the district's teachers can't be expected to shoulder completely the learning process.

At the end, it will boil down to the students themselves and their parents to be active participants in obtaining the education necessary to go forward in a new world and global economy.

At some point, Mayor Jackson will have to appoint a new CEO to run the Cleveland Municipal

School District and Raskind will leave.

We hope that while Raskind is at the helm that he will be supported for his contribution to help make Cleveland a better place -- a better place for all of us.

We wish him well in his endeavor.