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It’s back to school time and not just for students

As the new school year gets underway, students will be preparing to “walk the halls.”

We’d like to believe that parents or guardians of these pupils will be getting prepared as well.

In recent years, all too many criticisms have fallen on teachers; blaming them for the abysmal graduation rates of young Black males and for the lack of discipline in our schools.

We’ve said it before and we’ll say it again.

Teachers can teach if they are supported by parents who will not tolerate anything but the best expectations of their young. Teachers can only teach if parents or guardians instill in their charges respect for authority and the need to become educated.

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True education can only happen when parents get on board and support teachers and demand the best of their offspring.

Education begins in the home. All too often that is not the case.

In too many instances, we have children coming from dysfunctional homes and having a parent or parents who don’t value the education process. And that is a prescription for disaster.

In these tough economic times, our young Black children must be able to compete in a global environment. Long gone are the days of getting a job in a factory and being able to put a roof over heads and food on the table.

That’s why it is more important than ever for parents to step up to the plate. Teachers can’t do it alone and nor should they be expected to.