

Cleveland Metropolitan School District:

Doing ‘whatever it takes’ to provide a quality education to every student, in every school

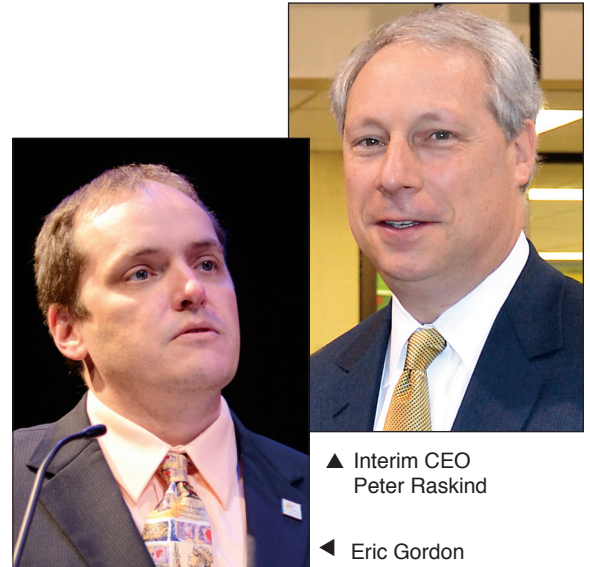
This is an historic time for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. More than a year into implementation of a 5-year Academic Transformation Plan, fundamental, system-wide changes are underway to produce measurable improvements in student academic achievement, increased principal and teacher accountability, and the development of a fiscal sustainability plan.

Members of CMSD’s senior leadership team, including Eric Gordon, selected to lead the District as its new CEO on July 1, spearheaded transformation efforts, including implementation of the district’s turn-around strategies, developed in partnership with parents and business and community leaders.

Businessman Peter Raskind volunteered his time as Interim CEO to work with the CMSD leadership to develop a stable two-year budget which will allow staff to focus on educating students.

The Academic Transformation of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District is in harmony with strategies employed in the most successful and fastest-improving urban school systems across the country, with Cleveland on the leading edge of many reforms.

By the 2014-2015 school year, the goals of the Transformation Plan include seeing every CMSD school rated “Continuous Improvement” or above on the Ohio report card, 50% of Cleveland’s schools to be rated “Excellent” or “Effective,” and a high school graduation rate of 90%.



▲ Interim CEO
Peter Raskind

◀ Eric Gordon

As the District moves forward with its aggressive school reform initiatives, a redesigned and revitalized school staff is committed to transforming the lives of Cleveland’s children, with all seven Transformation goals in mind. They are to:

- Graduate all students ready to compete in the 21st Century
- Provide high quality schools in every neighborhood so families have choices
- Hold everyone accountable for success – teachers, principals, central office staff, parents and students
- Recruit, support and retain high-quality principals and teachers
- Expand what is working today and to rethink and change what is not working
- Attract and retain students and families in Cleveland
- Right-size the District by eliminating excess capacity, addressing overcrowding and ensuring effective use of resources.