

Opinion: Calif. education battles resume

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California is simultaneously implementing two major – even historic – changes in its 6-million-student public school system, and all adults involved pledge that they have the best interests of those kids at heart.



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They may be telling the truth about their motives.

Nevertheless, the adoption of Common Core academic standards and Gov. Jerry Brown's plan to give more money to districts with large numbers of poor and English learner students are venues in which old adversaries can renew their old power struggles.

Once again, parents, reformers, unions, administrators, school board members, etc., are sparring over such issues as academic standards, testing, teacher accountability and charter schools.

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