

Opinion: Calif. economy depends on Latino schooling

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Latinos are now the largest ethnic group in California and will continue growing. Half of all children under 18 in California are Latino.

The demographic change impacts just about every aspect of our society, none more critically than our economy. With this young and growing population, California has a consumer market and workforce rivaled only by entire nations.

The future of California's economy will be determined by how well we educate our Latino population and develop our workforce. It's not just a matter of preparing our workforce. We are also concerned about creating a two-tier economy, or a two-class California that will threaten our prosperity.

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