

# **Opinion: Calif. schools falling short on accountability**

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We live in a progressive and forward-thinking state with a constitution that guarantees equity in our public education system. We have a lot to be proud of – successfully implementing the Common Core standards, expanding services for students in foster care and investing in early childhood education.

But we also should be striving every day to more fully deliver on that constitutional promise of an equal education for every California child. Critical to that promise is a system rooted in accountability and transparency, and on that front, we are falling short.

On the same day this month that the State Board of Education agreed to a historic settlement agreement in Cruz v. California – a class-action lawsuit filed by 22 students who were being placed in fake classes – the board also considered rolling back key accountability measures.

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