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**Essay**

These days, if you revised the press, especially the regional section, you can find several opinion articles about the shortage of funds in Education in Madrid. It has promoted a bellicose response from educational collectives, with strikes in secondary schools, and streets mobilizations against the Government politics. Moreover, in the report of educational development in 2004, promoted by UNESCO, Spain was in the 26th position in the world, far away from our European neighbors. Is it a problem of budget? Is our educational system under crisis?

In my opinion our educational system has structural problems, and it can’t be solved only increasing the investment. It seems to me that all the problems began with the LOGSE law, enacted in 1990. It changed an educational model based on memorizing and prioritizing the effort, for a model based on promoting human values and socialization. In theory, the LOGSE thesis of egalitarianism sounds pretty well. But it doesn’t work practically if it is related with results, and not with opportunities.

Obviously, it is not only a problem of politicians or teachers. I firmly believe that parents have a lot to say and do about. Teachers needs the authority over the students that they had years ago. Authority understands as a way of influence in the building of the student’s mind, not as a way of power or punishment. And the parents have to give them that authority.

The Education is the future of our Society, and all the Society should be involved in the improvement of our educational system.