To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 967 without my signature.

This bill would require charter schools to follow the same stakeholder input requirements for developing Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPs) as school districts and require that charter authorizers review and approve charter school LCAPs.

This year's education budget trailer bill included several provisions that increase transparency around charter school LCAPs. These reforms will be in effect for the first time as charter schools develop their LCAPs this spring.

This bill imposes additional requirements on charter schools beyond what was reflected in the final 2019-2020 budget and other measures signed into law this year. I believe the recently enacted changes should be given a chance to work before these additional requirements should be considered.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom