



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1835 without my signature.

I deeply support the underlying goal of this bill – to ensure that unspent Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) supplemental and concentration grant funds are expended on services for our most vulnerable students – and I applaud Dr. Weber for her continued leadership. However, I believe there are some fundamental flaws with the bill, and I am concerned that it cannot be implemented in a manner that is smooth or timely.

There is a simpler solution that allows us to address the objectives of AB 1835 much sooner and with more transparency. Therefore, I am directing the Department of Finance to propose language for your consideration as part of my budget in January.

As written, AB 1835 would necessitate that the State Board of Education initiate a lengthy rulemaking process to amend the LCFF spending regulations to add definitions and make other necessary changes to clarify the requirements of the bill. This process would likely delay implementation for two school years. This bill would also impose new and unnecessary procedural requirements on schools that are and will be managing unprecedented challenges related to COVID-19.

We all share the same goal, and it is critical that we act quickly to ensure that funding meant to support our state's most vulnerable students is used for that purpose. I look forward to working with Dr. Weber and the Legislature to implement this requirement in next year's budget.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

