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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2814 without my signature. This bill would establish, subject to appropriation, the Emergency Planning Grant Program to provide one-time grants to a limited number of local educational agencies for emergency planning activities.

Preparing for emergencies is an essential function of government at all levels, including schools and local governments. Significant state resources, in the form of guidance, planning supports, and funding have been committed to help build and manage effective local disaster response systems. The Office of Emergency Services provides numerous resources related to school emergency planning safety, including forthcoming guidelines to help schools develop an emergency plan that complies with the California Standardized Emergency Management System referenced in the bill. Additionally, the Department of Education's Emergency Services Team provides technical assistance and guidance to schools related to emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery associated with natural disasters and other emergency situations. Schools can, and should, utilize these resources already available through CalOES and the Department of Education to support emergency planning activities as necessary.

While I commend the author for seeking to be responsive to the increase in natural disasters and emergencies schools are facing, AB 2814 establishes a grant program not currently accounted for in the state's fiscal plan.

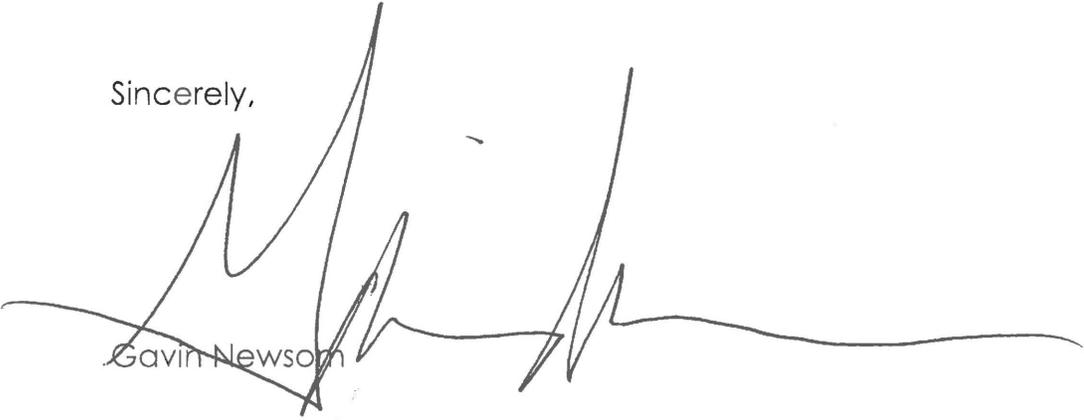


With our state facing lower-than-expected revenues over the first few months of this fiscal year, it is important to remain disciplined when it comes to spending, particularly spending that is ongoing. We must prioritize existing obligations and priorities, including education, health care, public safety and safety-net programs.

The Legislature sent measures with potential costs of well over \$20 billion in one-time spending commitments and more than \$10 billion in ongoing commitments not accounted for in the state budget. Bills with cost pressure, such as this measure, should be considered and accounted for in the annual budget process. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Gavin Newsom". The signature is written over the printed name and extends across the width of the page.