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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of AB 967 (Smith)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Assembly Bill 967, which imposes new mandates on charter schools with regard to their local control and accountability plan (LCAP) by requiring that they be subject to all of the requirements imposed on school districts.

This is a bill in search of a problem. Currently, all charter schools must complete an LCAP and annual update using the template adopted by the State Board of Education. There are no waivers or exemptions to this requirement. Charter schools are required to consult with parents, students, principals, teachers, administrators, and other school personnel as part of the development of the LCAP. Both the charter petition and LCAP must describe goals and specific actions to achieve those goals, as well as measurable pupil outcomes, for all pupils and each subgroup of pupils, including pupils with disabilities, for each of the state priorities that apply to the grade levels served and the nature of the charter school program.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove".

Shannon Grove
Senate Republican Leader