



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 562 without my signature.

This bill would move the Superintendent of Public Instruction to a new stand-alone category entitled "STATEWIDE EDUCATION" near the top of statewide ballots, instead of under the current heading of "SCHOOL," along with other education officials.

Just as the Chief Justice is placed with all other judicial candidates -- both local and regional -- on the ballot, it stands to reason that the Superintendent of Public Instruction should be placed with all other educational candidates.

The current ballot order has existed with minimal changes for decades, and I don't think there is a good reason to change it now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." in a cursive style.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.