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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

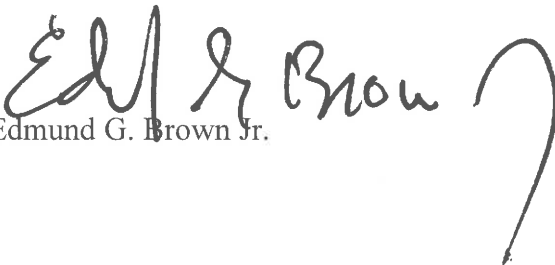
I am returning Assembly Bill 2168 without my signature.

This bill establishes the Special Education Teacher Grant program for the purpose of retaining and mentoring special education teachers.

While I support the need to retain and support special education teachers, I cannot support this bill. The 2018 Budget Act includes \$50 million Proposition 98 General Fund for the Local Solutions Grant Program for schools to develop and implement new, or expand existing, locally identified solutions that recruit, support and retain special education teachers.

Nothing in the grant language prohibits schools from providing mentors for special education teachers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.