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September 15, 1975

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
 Governor of California

My dear Governor:

My Senate Bill 777, relating to educator accountability, will be before you shortly for consideration. This is to respectfully request that you sign it into law.

Strongly supported by the California Teachers' Association (CTA), the Department of Education, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), SB 777 makes necessary changes in the 1971 law known as the Stull Act. The changes will assist in the implementation of the law, making procedural improvements which were recommended during a 1974 conference conducted by the State Bar Association, and will clarify the role of local governing boards and the state's expectations regarding the evaluation of the performance of all certificated employees.

You and I have touched upon the subject of educator accountability in our past conversations. I believe this is one area in which you and I are in substantial agreement, and that the Stull Act and its successful implementation are crucial to improving the quality of education in California. The impact of the law is beginning to be felt, both in increased numbers of dismissals and in terms of local district personnel meeting and considering just what it is they are trying to accomplish through our public school system. The Stull Act and SB 777 remain one of the few places in the entire Education Code where specific reference to "pupil progress" is made, and I am sure that you share my belief that it is pupil progress, in fact, that our schools are about.

Hon. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

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I have enclosed a brief, more detailed analysis of SB 777's provisions, and I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this measure and/or the Stul Act generally, should you have any questions or reservations.

Sincerely,

JOHN STULL
Senator, 38th District

Enclosure

cc: Bob Williams