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17 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

18 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

19 UNLIMITED JURISDICTION

20 ELIEZER WILLIAMS, a minor, by SWEETIE
WILLIAMS, his guardian ad litem, *et al.*, each
21 individually and on behalf of all others similarly
situated,

22 Plaintiffs,

23 v.

24 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DELAINE EASTIN,
State Superintendent of Public Instruction,
25 STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION,

26 Defendants.

No. 312236

DECLARATION OF NATHALIE GRANADOS

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DECLARATION OF NATHALIE GRANADOS

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2 I, NATHALIE GRANADOS, hereby declare:

3 1. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge and, if called to testify as a
4 witness, I could and would do so competently as follows:

5 2. I am a senior at Thurgood Marshall High School in San Francisco, California.

6 3. Thurgood Marshall is way too small for how many students are there. The hallways are
7 so packed with kids between classes that it is hard to make it to the next class on time. I have to push
8 through people to get to class because the hallways are too small to fit everyone, so even when I try to
9 hurry to the next class it takes me a long time because everybody is moving so slow.

10 4. The classrooms are too small for a high school class. Thurgood Marshall was designed
11 to be a middle school, but high school students are much bigger than middle school students. My
12 English class has about 30 students in it, and one day when everybody showed up for class there
13 weren't enough desks for everybody.

14 5. The cafeteria is crammed full of students during lunchtime. We only have 45 minutes for
15 lunch every day, and some students have to wait up to 25 minutes in line to get food, because there
16 are so many students that need to eat, but only three windows that serve food. There isn't enough
17 room for everybody to eat in the cafeteria, so students have to eat in the hallways, in the stairwells,
18 and in classrooms.

19 6. The bathrooms at my school are disgusting. There is often no toilet paper, no soap, and
20 no paper towels to dry your hands. The water from the faucets comes out really hot. The bathroom
21 on the second floor is the worst. There are about five stalls, and two or three of them don't have
22 doors. The ones that do have doors don't lock, so there is no privacy. There is trash on the floor
23 sometimes, and girls leave tampons on the floor and on the backs of the toilet seats because there
24 aren't any trash cans in the stalls to put them in. I can't stand using the bathrooms at school because
25 they are so nasty, so I have tried to train myself to hold it all day and wait until I leave school to use
26 the bathroom, but that isn't healthy and sometimes I can't hold it all day. Last year I represented
27 Thurgood Marshall on the SFUSD student advisory committee and I know that the students at Lowell
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1 High School got their bathrooms fixed up after they complained. It's not fair that the bathrooms at
2 Lowell got fixed but ours didn't. We have been complaining about the bathrooms at our school for
3 years. Why doesn't somebody come to fix our bathrooms?
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5 7. I heard that some freshman classes were taught by substitute teachers at the beginning of
6 this school year because there weren't enough teachers for them. That must have been especially hard
7 for them because they were just starting at Thurgood Marshall and they didn't know their way around
8 yet.

9 8. I can't take the textbook home in my economics class because there aren't enough. I
10 think that all the seniors have to take economics, so there are a lot of students taking the class and
11 there aren't enough books for everybody to be able to take one home. We pretty much don't have
12 homework in that class. Sometimes my teacher makes handouts for us to take home, but mostly we
13 just do book work and essays in class. I take my class notes home to study, but it would be a lot
14 easier to study if I had the book. Sometimes my notes are incomplete because I heard something
15 wrong or I didn't understand what the teacher said in class. If I had the book to take home I could get
16 the facts straight from the source.

17 9. There are rats and mice at Thurgood Marshall. Last year, a student screamed in the
18 middle of my dance class because she saw a rat. One day this year my AP environmental science
19 teacher told the class that we had a "visitor" in our classroom. We asked who the visitor was and he
20 told us that the janitor caught a mouse in the classroom.

21 10. There are a few classrooms that have nice desks and chairs but most of the desks at
22 Thurgood Marshall are old and beat up. I had a desk in my fourth period English class that was so
23 old that the seat had a crease through the middle of it. One day when I sat in it the seat buckled under
24 me.

25 11. Students at my school would take better care of it if the school was nicer. When
26 students see something nice, they take care of it. For example, there is a mural out in front of the
27 school and nobody tags on it because they respect it. But it is hard to care about keeping the school
28 clean when everything is so old and dirty.

1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of
2 California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 6th day of June, 2003, in San
3 Francisco, California.
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6 Nathalie Granados
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