

DECLARATION OF ELENA SOLANO

I, Elena Solano, declare as follows:

1. My child, Graciela Solano, is six years old and is in kindergarten at Cahuenga School located at 220 South Hobart Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90004.

2. I am writing this declaration to describe some of the unacceptable conditions which exist at Cahuenga.

3. My child has not been assigned books during this school year. In place of books, my child receives copies of worksheets for school work and homework. I think that this is a problem because children need books to read and study from in order to learn. In my opinion, this lack of textbooks is preventing my child from reaching her full potential.

4. I was required to purchase materials for my child's education, including crayons, glue, scissors and pencils. I believe it is wrong for the school not to have some of the basic supplies my child needs to benefit from her education.

5. The toilet facilities at the first floor of Cahuenga School are filthy. There is no toilet paper and no soap in these bathrooms. There is almost always water on the floor making the floor slippery and unsafe to children. There are clean bathrooms in the second and third floors of the school, but these are closed and off limits to my child.

6. The eating area where my child is to have her lunch is filthy. Some mothers have witnessed the tables where our children are to eat their lunch being cleaned with floor brooms and mops.

7. My child is educated in a trailer. She does not have a classroom which is part of a permanent building. These facilities do not seem to be adequate as compared to what other students in other schools have.

8. Some of children in Cahuenga are being taught by teacher's aids, not credentialed teachers while others are in classes with teachers who have received adequate training. It seems unfair to me that children are being taught by non-credentialed teachers.

9. My child is required to wear a school uniform, as are all Hispanic children at Cahuenga. Asian children are not required to wear the school uniform. I do not believe this is fair.

10. On the first day of school, I was not welcome in my child's classroom and was asked to leave, however, Asian mothers were welcome in the classroom.

11. The principal has made himself unavailable to parents of children at Cahuenga regarding parents' concerns of the inadequacies of the school.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 15 day of May, 2000 at Los Angeles, California.

**Elena Solano**

I, Elsa Laris am a legal secretary with Morrison & Foerster LLP. I read, write and speak Spanish fluently. On May 3, 2000, I orally translated the declaration of Elena Solano from English into Spanish to Mrs. Solano, and the written English version of her declaration is an accurate reflection of the oral Spanish translation I did.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 24 day of August, 2001, in Los Angeles, California.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elsa Laris", is written over a horizontal line.

Elsa Laris