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1 5. For homework, Larry frequently brought home photocopied assignments. It would
2 be better if he could bring home a textbook, so he could check his homework against a textbook.
3 Kids need the books to remind them how to do the new things they learn in school. When Larry had
4 questions about how to do homework, he couldn't check the textbook because he didn't have a social
5 studies, science, or spelling book that he could bring home. Because he didn't have examples to
6 show him what he was supposed to be doing, it was sometimes very hard for him to do his
7 homework. Although the teacher gave him one example of how to make sentences at the beginning
8 of the year, he sometimes forgot the subject-verb construction, and could have really benefitted from
9 having a textbook with some examples at home with him.

10 6. There are not enough toilets for the number of children at Gascon. There are almost
11 1200 students at Gascon, yet there are only three toilets for the girls and presumably, three toilets for
12 the boys. There is usually a long line for bathrooms during recess, so kids spend their recess waiting
13 for the bathrooms rather than playing. The bathrooms at Gascon are very dirty. The toilets in girls'
14 bathrooms frequently do not flush. When water overflows onto the floor, the bathrooms really stink.
15 Last year, some of the students' mothers were so disgusted with the situation that they volunteered
16 to clean the bathrooms. The principal, however, said that only staff members could clean the
17 bathrooms, so the mothers were not permitted to help out. The bathrooms rarely had any toilet
18 paper, soap, or paper towels. The water fountains were also filthy.

19 7. Teachers assign trash pick-up duty for bad behavior, so sometimes the children have
20 to walk around the school yard cleaning up food and trash. I think bad behavior should be punished
21 with more homework or something educational, rather than cleaning, which the school should do
22 anyway.

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24 8. When Sandra had classes in the bungalows last year, there was no heat or air
25 conditioning. During the spring and towards the beginning of summer, Sandra complained that she
26 was frequently hot and perspired a lot in class. It was very difficult for her to concentrate on learning
27 because the heat made her so uncomfortable.

9. Most of Sandra's homework involved research projects. The school library, however, was not very helpful because it rarely had any of the books she needed for research.

10. Frequently, Sandra's instructors assigned research projects using the internet. Sometimes it was difficult for Sandra to complete this homework because we do not have a computer at home. The school wasn't particularly helpful either because the school closes the computer lab at the end of the school day and during school time, there is only one computer per classroom, so she can't use that computer for very long either. If the school assigns computer-related homework, then the school should provide the kids with more time on the school's computers or buy more computers so that more kids can use the computers. Having only one computer lab for the whole school is not enough.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 9 day of August 2000 at Los Angeles, California.


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