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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.

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DECLARATION OF SANDY GONZALES

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Time: 3:30 p.m.
Department: 20, Hall of Justice
Judge: Hon. Peter J. Busch
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Declaration of Sandy Gonzales

I, Sandy Gonzales, hereby declare:

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

2. I am a student at Locke High School where I am in the 11th grade. I have attended Locke during my 9th grade year, the second semester of my 10th grade year and the entire 11th grade. I attended King-Drew Medical Magnet the first semester of my 10th grade year.

3. In my American Literature class we only have a class set of books and we can't take the books home. I don't know why we can't take our books home. I think I would learn more if I had a book to take home because I could go back and read what we read in class if I didn't understand something. In my American Literature class we are also reading a novel, Always Running. We don't have any books so our teacher makes copies of the book and we get a chapter as we go along. We can't take the copies of the chapters home. Again I think I would learn more if I had a book to take home because I could go back over what we read in class and reassure what I read. I could also take notes on what we read. Not having a book is hard because if I'm absent I'm not able to go back over what we went over in class

4. In my French class we don't have any books. I don't know why we don't have books. The teacher gives us photocopies of other books to read. It's hard to learn without a book because I don't have anything to follow along with. For the first semester of my 10th grade year when I attended King-Drew Medical Magnet I took French and I had books. I feel like I learned a lot more when I had a book.

5. My Chemistry book is very old, the plastic cover is ripped off and there are pages that are missing in my book. I have had a couple of assignments where I have had to go to class during nutrition to use the class set because the pages that the assignments were on were missing in my book. I didn't have enough time during nutrition to copy all the information down and I couldn't do the assignments at home so I ended up turning the assignments in late.

6. I know overcrowding is a problem at Locke because this school year at the

1 beginning of the first semester when I tried to get into Algebra II my counselor said that it was
2 already full and that there wasn't any room. Because there wasn't any room I am not taking any
3 math class right now and I have to take Algebra II during summer school. It bothers me that I
4 wasn't able to take Algebra II because I need to take advanced math classes like Trigonometry to
5 go to college. You can't take Trigonometry unless you take Algebra II first. I wouldn't be able to
6 take Trigonometry next school year without going to summer school to take Algebra II. Also I
7 wanted to volunteer in a hospital this summer but I can't since I have to take to go to summer
8 school to take Algebra II.

9 7. There is also overcrowding in my Drama class. In my Drama classroom there are
10 about forty students because there are two classes combined, speech and drama. I often have to
11 go early to class to find a desk otherwise if I don't get to class early I have to sit in the back of the
12 room in a chair. I know that the teacher has a hard time teaching because there are so many
13 students in the class and she has a hard time concentrating.

14 8. There is a rat problem at Locke. Both my American Literature and Drama teacher
15 have rat traps in their classrooms. In my French class there is a rat hole near the air conditioning.
16 I know it is a rat hole because I have seen rat droppings near the air conditioning and I have seen
17 rats on top of the air conditioning.

18 9. In my U.S. History class the air conditioning doesn't work and when it's hot we
19 almost always have to keep the windows open. Even with the windows open it gets really hot in
20 class and when it does all I can think of is how hot it is and not the work or what we are learning.

21 10. I try to avoid the bathrooms at school because I have heard they are dirty and I am
22 afraid of catching an infection. When I have used the bathrooms, they often haven't had enough
23 paper towels, seat covers or toilet paper.

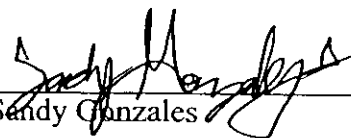
24 11. The copy machines at Locke are often broken. I know this because my U.S.
25 History teacher, my American Literature teacher and my French II teacher have all complained a
26 lot about the photo copy machines not working or being broken down.

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I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 5 th day of June, 2003 in Los Angeles, California.


Sandy Gonzales