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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 SANDRA ROBLES

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## Declaration of Sandra Robles

I, Sandra Robles, 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 Fremont High School in Los Angeles, where I am a sophomore. I have gone to Fremont since the beginning of 9th grade. I am on Track A.

3. I am in geometry, English, AP Literature in Spanish, U.S. history, and chemistry this semester. I don't have any books to take home in any class except for geometry, where everyone has their own book. We have to waste a lot of time copying problems out of the class set of books that we wouldn't have wasted if we had enough books for everyone.

4. Because we only have a class set of chemistry books, we have to copy problems out of them before class is over to do for homework. This copying is a waste of time.

5. In AP Literature in Spanish, we never get to take any books home because there are not enough of them for everyone. Sometimes, we copy poems out of the books in class. But we often read poems in class and then have to do homework without the poems in front of us. Not having the books makes it hard to remember what we read.

6. In English, we read novels. We sit in groups and share the books between two people because we don't even have enough books for each student to use a book without sharing in class. *Fahrenheit 451* was hard to understand, and I had to read it over a couple of times. Mr. Taylor, my teacher, told me that he bought the books himself. Because the money came from his own resources, Mr. Taylor was not able to buy a book for everyone in the class, and we had to share the books with another class. I couldn't keep up in class and would have to check a book out at the end of class to take home, but not everyone was able to take a book home because there were not enough copies. I also was not able to check a book out every night because so many of us had to share. I have English second period, and, without a book, I have trouble remembering what I read by the time I get home. This makes it very hard to do my homework.

7. The air conditioning has not been working in some of my classes at Fremont this past semester. In some classrooms, the windows also do not open, especially in the bungalows.

1 Some of those that do open work very hard and are difficult to get open. When it is very hot in  
2 the classroom, it makes it very difficult to concentrate.

3 8. Fremont is overcrowded. In my history class, when all of the students who are  
4 enrolled come to class, some students have to sit at the computer tables with their backs facing  
5 the teacher. If they sit at the computer tables, they have very limited workspace on the computer  
6 tables. Because there are so many students in the school at one time, it's really hard to walk in  
7 the hallways during passing period because it gets overcrowded. The overcrowding also creates  
8 long lines at lunch.

9 9. I try to not use the bathrooms because I expect that they will be dirty. We have  
10 long lines at the bathrooms. Last semester, the bathrooms were even worse. The bathrooms  
11 were generally messy. Paper would be all over the floor. Sometimes the bathrooms were  
12 flooded. We often didn't have any toilet paper or soap. Even now, during nutrition and lunch,  
13 they only have one or two restrooms open for each sex, and each bathroom has only six or seven  
14 stalls. This is definitely not enough for 3,000 students!

15 10. I want to go to college, but I don't think I'm getting the same education as people  
16 at other schools. I don't think I'm learning the same things as the kids at a school in a better  
17 neighborhood. It's because we don't have the books we need, and my teachers don't have the  
18 materials they need to teach. It's all a big chain. My older sister also went to Fremont, and she  
19 didn't feel as prepared as other students when she started at college.

20 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United  
21 States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2003 in Los  
22 Angeles, California.

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24 Sandra Robles