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**Declaration of Ana Romero**

I, Ana Romero, hereby declare:

1. I am the parent of Ivanna Romero, who is a plaintiff in this action. I make this declaration based upon my own personal knowledge and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.

2. The purpose of this declaration is to explain the unacceptable conditions my daughter endures at school where the temperature is usually either too hot or too cold to concentrate and the school facilities are insufficient.

3. [redacted] My daughter Ivanna is in the first grade at Bryant Elementary School in the Mission district of San Francisco.

4. I work part-time as an N-10 paraprofessional at Bryant Elementary School. In my position, I act as a teacher's aide for bilingual students. I have worked at Bryant Elementary School in this capacity for seven years.

5. Because of my work, I am often at Bryant while school is in session.

6. The temperature inside the school building is not well regulated. Depending on the weather outside, it is either too hot or too cold in the school. The uncomfortable temperatures make it hard for Ivanna to focus on her school work because she is distracted by her discomfort.

7. When it is hot outside, as it often is during the school year, it is even hotter inside the building. When it gets hot, the children, including my daughter Ivanna, often become sleepy and have trouble paying attention in class.

8. When it is cold outside, much of the school building is very cold. Ivanna and other students wear their jackets inside to keep warm.

9. The teachers must pay for school supplies such as pencils and erasers out of their own pockets because not enough supplies are provided for the children's use. My daughter would not have basic supplies if her teachers did not provide them for her.

10. The school does not have real walls dividing most of the rooms. Instead, thin, hollow room dividers hang from the ceiling. The lack of proper walls makes it very noisy in the classrooms.

1 One can often hear students in neighboring classrooms or in the hallways. The teachers have to  
2 compete with the surrounding noise in order to be heard by their students. My daughter has told me  
3 that she has trouble hearing her teachers because of the noise from a neighboring class.

4 11. Ivanna sometimes gets stomach aches and feels ill after eating the cafeteria food for  
5 lunch. I am worried that the food may be spoiled.

6 12. The toilets in the student bathrooms, especially on the first floor, often become clogged.  
7 This decreases the number of available restrooms until the toilets are fixed. Because of this, children  
8 may have to wait longer to use the restroom or go to a restroom on a different floor, possibly  
9 increasing their time out of class.

10 13. I am worried that these conditions are interfering with my daughter's ability to learn.  
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12 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is  
13 true and correct. Executed by me this 24 day of April, 2000 at San Francisco, California.

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16 Ana Romero