

DECLARATION OF D'ANDRE LAMPKIN

I, D'Andre Lampkin, hereby declare:

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

2. I am 16 years old. I am a tenth grader at Crenshaw High School in Los Angeles. My twin brother Delwin is also a tenth grader at Crenshaw.

3. There aren't enough textbooks at my school. I don't have a book in Algebra and we use worksheets that the teacher copies from a book. It is hard to prepare for tests and for homework without a book, and I can't look ahead and get prepared for the class. In English, Biology and world history we have class sets of books but we can't take them home because we share the books with other classes and there aren't enough books to take home to study. For homework we get worksheets instead of using the books. My biology book is in poor condition. Some are missing pages and they are old. My biology textbook is really old and was published in 1986. In my Spanish class, the teacher bought worksheets with his own money.

4. My school is really overcrowded. There are more than forty students in my biology class and not enough chairs and desks for all the students in the class. Sometimes we sit on the counters along the side of the room, or we have to stand up during the entire class and take notes standing up. If you get to class last, you have to stand because all the chairs are taken. Three or four times this semester I had to stand up during the entire period. It was hard to take notes and follow the class. On two other occasions it was so uncomfortable standing up in the back of the class that I didn't take notes at all. It really makes me mad that we have to study in these conditions. My biology class is so overcrowded that the teacher is trying to get some students transferred out of the class even though biology is required to graduate. My Spanish class is also overcrowded, with over thirty five students. It makes it impossible to get any individualized instruction.

5. Our school doesn't have enough permanent and credentialed teachers. My English, algebra and my Spanish teachers are all uncredentialed. Last year, I didn't have a permanent teacher in my education and career planning class for the first four or five weeks of

1 school. We had a substitute during that period. We didn't learn very much during those five
2 weeks. Also, both my brother and I were enrolled in a class titled "math investigations" last year.
3 We ended up in this class because the school didn't have enough algebra teachers to
4 accommodate all the algebra students. So even though my brother and I had both completed and
5 passed all the math classes we needed to enroll for algebra, the school couldn't offer us an
6 algebra class. The school selected a small number of students for the few algebra classes the
7 school had, and then put the rest of us into "math investigations" class.

8 6. When teachers are absent, the school doesn't always have a substitute. Last
9 semester, there were days when we would sit in the hallway for about half of a class period until
10 an administrator came to open the doorway for us.

11 7. We don't have enough bathrooms at my school and they are always dirty. Only
12 two bathrooms of the school's eight boys' bathrooms are regularly open in our school: one is in
13 the main building and one in the environment building on the other side of campus. There are no
14 bathrooms near the bungalows where many classes are held. Last year one more bathroom was
15 open, but the administration locked it and now only teachers can use it. The open bathrooms are
16 dirty and smell really bad. Often the toilets are stopped up and they don't seem to get repaired.
17 Last week one toilet was flooded the whole week. There are never any paper towels in the
18 bathroom. Some of the graffiti in the bathrooms has been there for months and hasn't been
19 removed. On Fridays, students are not allowed to leave class, so if we have to go to the restrooms
20 after lunch, we must wait 2 ½ hours until school ends because there isn't enough time between
21 classes to go to the bathroom.

22 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United
23 States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed by me this 29TH day of January, 2001
24 in Los Angeles, California.



D'ANDRE LAMPKIN