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DECLARATION OF LAURA AGUIRRE

I, LAURA AGUIRRE, 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 second-grade bilingual teacher at Garfield Year-Round Elementary School in Oakland, where I have been teaching since the 1995-1996 school year. I became a teacher 25 years ago.

3. The mold in the walls in one of the girls' bathrooms is so bad that I put my fist through the wall when touching the wall in the late spring of 2000 because the wall was that wet. Starting at about six feet high and all the way down to the floor, the walls were totally wet.

4. The ceiling in my classroom has leaked for five years, and I have been working with buckets placed under leaks in the ceiling that whole time. I have a lot of mold in my classroom, too. My classroom is upstairs on the north side, and that side of the campus is more damp than other parts of campus, so most of the mold is on the north side of the campus. I have become sick from the mold, and I know many of my students have had trouble breathing and have felt sick from the unhealthy conditions in the classrooms and the bathrooms.

5. We do not have enough books for all the students in the school. The science text I use in class is at least 25 years old. I use such old books because the district has not adopted either a science or a social studies curriculum for years, so I must use out of date materials if I am to teach science at all. I use everything I can get my hands on to teach, but that means I have to use old books.

6. The school bathrooms regularly have no toilet paper. Just last year, during the 1999-2000 school year, one of my students came to me after defecating on the student's hands because the student had no toilet paper to use. Other students in my class ran all over the school looking for toilet paper and found some in another bathroom to bring back for the student to use.

7. Garfield has approximately 1200 students, and we operate on a four-track multitrack system.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 19 day of August 2000 at Oakland, California.

Laura Aguirre
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