DECLARATION OF ROMANA CLEMONS

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- 1. I am one of the plaintiffs 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. I am 15 years old, and I am in the ninth grade at John F. Kennedy High School
 ("Kennedy" or "school"). I transferred to Kennedy from Richmond High School in October of 1999.
- 3. I don't like to use the bathroom at school. The bathrooms smell bad and the toilets often clog up and are not fixed on the same day. Additionally, the bathroom is often missing toilet paper and paper towels. Several sets of bathrooms are locked, and only three sets of girls' bathrooms are available in the whole school.
- 4. For much of this year, I have not had regular teachers in two of my six classes.
- 5. My math teacher at the beginning of this year, [redacted], stopped teaching the class in
 October. For about a month, we just had substitutes. Eventually, [redacted], a tutor, came to teach
 the class for a little over a month. After [redacted] left because of his health, we had more substitutes
 until January or February when a new teacher was hired.
- 6. The substitute teachers in my math class did not teach us math or assign us any homework. Sometimes we were given worksheets to do in class, but they were never graded.

 Students from other classes often came into the room and were disruptive. We did nothing in class, and the students spent the class time talking with each other.
 - 7. Not having a regular teacher has made it much harder for me to learn math. When I took the STAR test, I did not understand many of the questions and could not answer them. If we had a regular teacher to teach us, I could have done much better on the test because I would have learned the subjects that were tested. We should have covered those subjects in class, but we did not.
 - 8. In October or November, my English teacher stopped teaching my class and started teaching the twelfth grade English class. We did not have a teacher until [redacted]; started teaching the class in January. When my class did not have a teacher, we had substitute teachers except for a few weeks when the Vice Principal taught the class in December or January.

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l	9. The substitute teachers in my English class did not teach us or assign us any homewor
2	Sometimes we were given worksheets to do in class, but they were never graded. Lots of times, the
3	worksheets were the same ones that other substitutes had already given to us.
4	10. If I had a teacher for the whole year in English, I would have been able to learn much
5	more. In addition, I would have had the knowledge and confidence to do better on the English
6	portion of the STAR test.
7	11. I really wish that Kennedy could provide us with teachers for the whole year. I want
8	the opportunity to learn as much as I can and to learn in the best possible conditions.
9	I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is
10	true and correct. Executed by me this day of May, 2000 at Richmond, California.
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