DECLARATION OF TAMIKA MCDONALD

- I, Tamika McDonald, declare as follows:
- 1. I am in the eleventh grade at Manual Arts High School, which is located in the Los Angeles Unified School District.
- 2. Some of the classrooms at Manual Arts are crowded and noisy. The room is too small for thirty students to fit safely into my biology class. In fact, there is not even room to fit enough desks and chairs to seat everybody. I once had to sit on the counter because there were no chairs in my class. There is also a math class which is right above the industrial arts workshop, where the sounds of drilling and hammering make it impossible to concentrate.
- 3. We can only do the most basic laboratory work in my Honors Chemistry class because the science facilities are old and have too few supplies.
- 5. Students who are on certain "tracks" (where they start and finish school at different times of the year) are given limited course selections. For example, students who want to take the Japanese class offered at Manual Arts can only do so if they start in June and end in April. I am on the "track" that begins in September and ends in June, so I can't take Japanese.
- 6. There are 5000 students at Manual Arts but only 10 counselors. That means we have one counselor for every 500 students. Many of the counselors don't even know if a student is taking the necessary classes to graduate. Some students also repeat classes because the counselors are so overworked that they program students into classes the students already have taken. I know students who couldn't graduate because they were never put into classes they needed to graduate.
- 7. During our nutrition and lunch breaks, we are kicked out of the school building and unable to re-enter. If I need to go to the bathroom, I have to hold it in until the recess ends.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this day of Angula 2000 at Los Angeles, California.

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