



1           7.     I am so concerned about the lack of textbooks and the outdated textbooks at Parent  
2 that I take Sharifa to California State University at Dominguez Hills every Saturday for tutoring  
3 through the Excel program put on by the Los Angeles Council of Black Professional Engineers. I  
4 should not have to turn to a community organization, however, to ensure that my daughter learns  
5 basic school subjects; her school should provide her that education.

6           8.     I know that approximately 41 or 43 percent of the teachers at Parent are  
7 uncredentialed. It is absolutely unacceptable to me that such a high percentage of the teachers at my  
8 daughter's school do not have training in how to teach. You have to have a license to do hair, and  
9 you have to have a license to drive a car; you should have to have a license to work with a mind.

10          9.     Last November, I found five boxes of brand new computers that had been sitting  
11 unused in the library all of the summer of 1999 through that November. I asked the principal why  
12 the computers were not in use, and she said the school was waiting for the district to send software  
13 for the computers. Even without the software, though, the students or teachers could at least be  
14 using the computers. The PTA set up two of the computers in the library so the students could use  
15 them. I expect the other three computers are still boxed and waiting in the library now.

16          10.    The school was supposed to have been wired for internet use last summer, but no one  
17 has been able to use the internet still. The internet connection still is not completely functioning.

18          11.    The school does not employ a librarian. For the three years I've been involved in the  
19 school, the PTA has hired a parent to work in the library. But that parent has not been to library  
20 school and is not a librarian. The school itself, and not the PTA, needs to provide a trained librarian  
21 for the children.

22          12.    The school library is in terrible shape. The number of books in the library is sparse.  
23 and until the PTA cleaned and reshelved and reorganized the library this year, the library was in a  
24 shambles.

25          13.    The school bathrooms are in terrible shape. Often, they have no toilet paper. Last  
26 year, when my daughter was in second grade, she had an accident at school because she had no toilet  
27 paper to use to wipe herself. Since then, I have gone to the school to check to be sure there is toilet  
28 paper there. The PTA had to buy paper products at the beginning of this school year because there

1 were no paper supplies for the restrooms.

2 14. I believe in public education. I moved to this area so my daughter could walk to  
3 school like I did and go to her neighborhood school. I don't think I should have to send my daughter  
4 out of her neighborhood to get an education. I want all of the children in this State to be prepared  
5 to go to college. I don't care if they actually go to college or not—I just want them to have the option  
6 if they decided that's what they'd like to do. I can't imagine what's going to happen to our society  
7 if we end up with a bunch of people who can't think. I want the children in this State to be educated  
8 properly and college bound.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 30, 2000 at Los Angeles, California.

  
Joscelyn McCauley