

DECLARATION OF ANGELA MONTEILH

I, ANGELA MONTEILH, hereby declare:

1. I am the mother of Alayna and Andrew Monteilh and Aaron Brooks. Alayna was in Kindergarten at Frank D. Parent Elementary School in Inglewood during the school year that just ended, and Andrew was in third grade there as well. Aaron completed fifth grade at Parent two years ago.

2. I know the school well because I volunteered at the school every day in my children's classrooms and in other classrooms as well.

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

4. Alayna's Kindergarten class met for half the day in the library because the school only has one Kindergarten classroom and two classes have to share the classroom. Alayna's class met from 8:15 to 10:30 in the classroom, and then from 10:30 to 11:30 they met in the library. Sometimes kids from other classes used the library at the same time that Alayna's class was in there, so her class was disrupted. The biggest problem with the class using the library was the time lost when the class had to move rooms. They moved from their classroom to the library every day, and they lost learning time while they were in transition.

5. It worries me a lot that the school only has a nurse a few days a week. When I have volunteered in the front office, I have seen kids with asthma give themselves their own breathing treatments on the breathing machines because there is no nurse to help them. I would not want my child to have to take care of such an imperative need like that alone. Also, if a child got hurt, the school could just give the child a band aid and have the child put the band aid on him- or herself because when the nurse is not there there is no one qualified to give any medical aid.

6. The school has a lot of uncredentialed teachers. Andrew's Kindergarten teacher wasn't credentialed, and three or four parents stayed in the class all day every day so she would have help. We parents can't do that for every class in the school where there are uncredentialed teachers. I'm taking Andrew out of the school for next year, and putting him in Catholic school instead, because only one of the fourth grade teachers has a credential. I won't play roulette with Andrew's

1 learning chances, so I'm putting him in a school where I know he will have a teacher who has
2 credentials.

3 7. Most of Andrew's homework this year came from photocopies because he had no
4 books he could take home. If he'd had a book, he would have had a page where he could look back
5 for examples. But with photocopied packets, he didn't have that option. I asked if there will be
6 books for him to take home at the Catholic school I'm sending him to next year, and part of the
7 reason I'll be sending him there is that he will have books he can use. But I shouldn't have to send
8 my children to private school for them to be educated.

9 8. The bathrooms at the school are horrible. Neither Alayna nor Andrew will use the
10 bathrooms at school because they are so dirty. I've seen bathrooms at other schools—for example,
11 at Palms Middle School in the Los Angeles Unified School District, where my older son goes to
12 school—so I know school bathrooms could be clean. I have taken my own cleaning supplies from
13 home to clean the Parent bathrooms myself four or five times this year.

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15 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of
16 California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 10, 2000 at Los Angeles,
17 California.

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