



1 and paper towels are always out. In the Sierra Vista building, there are only two or three stalls for  
2 each sex, and there are nearly 2,000 students who use the building. Heidi is only comfortable using  
3 one bathroom at Redwood because the others are dirty.

4 7. Through active participation in school board meetings and other events, I also know of  
5 poor conditions at other schools. At Houston Elementary School in Visalia, there is a severe  
6 cockroach problem. Houston has only four girls stalls and two boys stalls (and four urinals) for 600  
7 students:

8 8. There is also a shortage of 4th grade history textbooks at Highland Elementary School in  
9 Visalia. At Highland, they ran out of paper in April of 2000, and had troubles because a lot of the  
10 information distributed to the students is photocopied. They illegally photocopied the books for the  
11 kids. In addition, there is such a bad mold problem in classrooms 5-9 that all the plants brought in  
12 quickly die, and one teacher refuses to teach in that building again. There is also a mold problem at  
13 Fairview, Golden Oak and Green Acres Middle Schools. This needs to be investigated.

14 9. I would like to see these conditions improved with more and better schools and a full  
15 education plan that actually focuses on children's learning. My daughter, like any others, should  
16 have the same opportunity to get a good education so she can be successful in life.

17 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing  
18 is true and correct. Executed on August 5, 2000 at Visalia, California.

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