I, ANNE MARIE ANKERS, hereby declare:

- I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge and if called to testify
  as a witness I could and would do so competently as follows:
  - 2. I am a Bilingual Coordinator at Virgil Middle School in Los Angeles.
- 3. Virgil Middle School is a multi-track, year round school which means that students are on different tracks, and start and finish school at different times of the year. There are three tracks, track A, track B and track C. There are over 110 regular teaching positions at Virgil Middle School. Seven positions on track A, eight positions on track B, and ten positions on track C are filled by emergency credentialed teachers. Emergency credentialed teachers are not fully trained to provide full access to the curriculum.
- 4. There are twenty-two positions at Virgil for which no permanent teacher has been hired. For the seventy-five classes assigned to those unfilled positions on tracks B and C, (the tracks currently in session), students are taught by multiple substitute teachers because no single long-term substitute teacher stays with the class. Many times these substitutes are not trained to teach the state standards and are not credentialed to teach the subjects for which they substitute. In some of these classes without permanent teachers, kids spend class time talking or watching movies or television because their substitutes do not even try to teach them anything.
- 5. Virgil is so overcrowded that we cannot take all the neighborhood students who might go to school here. Once the school is filled to capacity, the neighborhood students are bused to other schools that are ten to twenty-five miles away. For the school year that just started on July 5 (because Virgil is a year-round, multi-track school), we had about 700 open spots for about 1700 students transferring from feeder elementary schools. About a week before school started, the principal sent letters to parents of all these students instructing them all to report to school on July 5 to participate in a lottery that would determine which students would attend Virgil this school year.
- 6. Most classrooms are used by teachers every period. There is at least one teacher who is assigned to the cafeteria for all his classes. A beginning English class is currently being taught in a machine shop. Students sit on stools and work on tables with vices clamped to each corner. It is

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- Last year, two intersession classes, (summer classes for year-round schools), were assigned to the cafeteria and were conducted simultaneously. A third intersession class was held in a gym with no windows or air conditioning.
- The school and district are currently trying to implement intervention programs for 8. students not meeting academic standards. Eighth grade students at-risk of being retained must be offered intersession classes. These classes are important considering that less than 30% of our students are performing at or above the national average on the Standford 9 examination. However, students who are identified as at-risk in the sixth or seventh grade do not have the opportunity to attend remedial or intervention intersession programs during their off-track time due to the lack of space. This is only room enough on campus for eighth grade intersession classes.
- The textbook room at school is so overcrowded that we're using old books instead 9. of new books that are on campus because we can't get to the new books. Books are just crammed into the room. For example, I know that we have new books for many science classes, but those books aren't being used because they are still in storage waiting to be processed. Some science teachers are using one class set of books for five classes. Some science classes are using texts published in 1984. Some of the social studies books kids are still using in the classrooms were published in 1983.
- The school bathrooms are not in very good shape. There aren't enough bathrooms 10. for the kids to use because the bathrooms are locked a lot of the time. Other than a bathroom adjoining the locker room, there are usually only four stalls and sinks in one unlocked bathroom for more than 900 girls during class time.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 4, 2000 at Los Angeles, California.