I, MANUEL ORTIZ, hereby declare:

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I am one of the plaintiffs in this action. I make this declaration based on my own 1. personal knowledge and, if called to testify as a witness, I could and would do so competently as

follows:

2. I am a student at Watsonville High School in Watsonville, and I will be a senior there next year.

- My school needs more classrooms for the teachers. This last year (when I was a 3. junior), three of my seven teachers moved from classroom to classroom to teach their classes because the school didn't have enough classrooms for them to have permanent classrooms of their own. My world civilizations teacher had a shopping cart that he used to carry the history books around to the classrooms he used. My life science teacher had a regular cart he used to move his materials around. The history teacher also moved from classroom to classroom. Watching my teachers push their papers and books around on carts between classes made me see how cheap the school is not to have classrooms for my teachers.
- My geometry class this last year didn't have a classroom until close to Christmas vacation. We met in the middle of the library, and other students came in to use the library at the same time that we were in there having our class. The other students using the library disrupted our class because they would talk to the librarian, which would mess with our concentration. Also, our teacher couldn't talk very loud because we were in the library so we were supposed to be quiet. It was really hard to concentrate and learn when we met in the library.
- At the end of the school year, after my geometry class had moved out of the library and into a classroom, we couldn't hear the teacher in the geometry class because of all the construction going on outside. The school started doing construction to build new portables, and the builders were working during the school day. They were drilling and hammering and they had tractors going outside. We closed the doors to our classroom, but we could still hear the construction sounds outside. I couldn't concentrate in class with all the noise. The construction was going on for almost the whole last month of school, so my class pretty much lost that whole month of learning

- 6. Our classes are really crowded. In my science class last year, we had 40 students. We mostly worked in groups because we didn't have enough room in the class for each of us to do our own projects. And during my freshman year, we had 40 or 45 students in my PE class almost the whole year. I know the PE classes are still too crowded, but this year I had zero period PE, so my class was not too crowded.
- 7. In my U.S. history class this last year, we didn't have any books to use at all, not even to use in class. The teacher had a book and we just took notes off what the teacher said in class. Sometimes the teacher handed out photocopies from the book and gave us handouts for homework. It would have been easier to learn the history if we had books we could read ourselves.
- 8. The Spanish books we used in class this last year were all torn up and were missing pages. Sometimes the teacher would tell us to turn to a particular page and that page wouldn't be in the book.
- 9. We could take home one of the Spanish books for homework, but we didn't have enough of the second book we used in class for us to be able to take that book home, too. It would have helped to have been able to take home the other book, too, because that book had little stories and questions and activities to work on in it. I would have liked to have been able to study from that book, too.
- 10. The school doesn't have enough computers—the school doesn't even have one in every classroom. The ones we do have are super old.
- 11. We also don't have enough copy machines. A few times a month in both my U.S. history and world civilizations classes, the teachers told us that they had been planning to give us homework but they couldn't get to the copy machine so they didn't have copies made. The teachers said there were only two copy machines in the whole school, so there were long lines for teachers to wait in to get to the copiers.
- 12. Sometimes the bathrooms were not clean and they often didn't have toilet paper or paper towels. The bathrooms were all tagged up with graffiti.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on July 51, 2000 at Watsonville, California.

 Manuel Ortiz