

1 **DECLARATION OF STACY DEBUHR**

2 I, STACY DEBUHR, hereby declare:

3 1. I have taught first grade for two years at Whittier Elementary School in Oakland
4 through the Teach For America program.

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

7 3. About half the teachers at Whittier have their teaching credentials. I have a California
8 Preliminary Credential in Single Subject English. I had a Multiple Subject Emergency Credential.
9 Since my college training had not been at the elementary level, I didn't feel qualified to help all my
10 students. I could tell a noticeable difference in my teaching after I had taught for my first year.

11 4. Classroom temperatures are not comfortable at Whittier. During the winter, a few
12 classrooms were too hot because only one thermostat regulates the whole school. And we have no
13 air conditioning. The month of June was unbearably hot. One week near the end of June, it was 95-
14 105 degrees outside, so the heat in our classrooms was awful. I brought a fan from home to my
15 classroom, but the fan doesn't make much difference. We have to drink a lot more water to get us
16 through the heat.

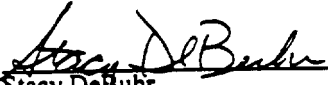
17 5. Two classes met in the auditorium during this school year. Often the auditorium was
18 in use while classes met in its rooms. And for two weeks while the cafeteria was being repaired, the
19 auditorium served as the lunchroom from 11:15 to 1:00, while the two classes were also meeting in
20 the auditorium at the same time. It was hard for the teachers and for the kids to have all those
21 interruptions. Also, it was hard for the teachers and kids to meet in the small class spaces they had
22 in the auditorium.

23 6. The school has ten classes that meet in portables, and none of the portables are
24 hooked to the web. Students in those classes only had access to the internet one day of the week
25 during computer prep.

26 7. The school does artificial fixes when it will be reviewed. The day before the FCMA
27 team came last year, we had an announcement over the school loudspeaker that everyone had to post
28 fire drill information in their classrooms and move things away from the heaters. A few days after

1 the FCMAT team left, people had put things back the way they were, so we only seemed to comply
2 with safety guidelines while the reviewing team was on campus.

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4 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of
5 California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on July 31, 2000 at Oakland, California.

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