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**DECLARATION OF BIBIANA ARRIOLA**

I, Bibiana Arriola, hereby declare:

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

2. I am eleven years old, and I am in the fifth grade at Bryant Elementary School ("Bryant" or "school"). The purpose of this declaration is to explain why I am disappointed with the education that I am receiving.

3. I am in Miss Malabed's class. For the first half of the school year, we did not have any math books. For homework, we had to write down a bunch of problems to work on, and we did not have a book to look through if we had any questions or needed review. I feel that I could have learned a lot more if we had received the math books at the beginning of the year.

4. We still don't have enough social studies books and we have to share the classroom set of books with the other fifth grade class. Miss Malabed cannot assign us homework in social studies because we do not have a book to take home.

5. The school library is terribly out of date and is not staffed by a librarian. I have trouble finding books in the library and there are not enough books for my reading level. This is unfortunate because I really love to read and I don't have access to proper materials.

6. The school is very noisy because the walls are too thin. I am afraid that the some of the school walls would fall down if we had an earthquake. Additionally, I can usually hear the students from other classrooms. When the noise level is high, I cannot hear my teacher and it is really difficult for me to concentrate.

7. We do have air conditioning in the school. However, when the air conditioning is turned on and my classroom becomes comfortable, the other classrooms are too cold. Thus, we don't use the air conditioner anymore.

8. When the weather outside is warm, the school gets too hot, especially in the afternoon. I get sweaty sitting in class and Miss Malabed sprays her students with a water bottle to cool us off.

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1 When it gets too hot, I get really sleepy and I am distracted from my work. The computer lab gets  
2 even hotter than my classroom. I usually have to leave the room to cool off.

3 9. The school never has enough supplies. We do not have enough paper so my teacher,  
4 Miss Malabed, often has to make photocopies on writing paper. The school does not have enough  
5 markers, scissors, staplers, tape or calculators so we have to share supplies with the other classes.  
6 Miss Malabed often buys supplies and brings them to school and we usually have to bring our own  
7 pencils.

8 10. I don't like to use the bathrooms at school. The bathrooms are disgusting because they  
9 are always dirty. For example, there are no sanitary seat covers and the bathrooms are often missing  
10 toilet paper, soap and paper towels. The doors on the stalls do not lock or close well so the  
11 bathrooms are not private.

12 11. I don't like to drink the water from the fountains at school because the water is not as  
13 clean as it could be. Sometimes, after I drink from the water fountain, I feel sick.

14 12. The food at the school is disgusting. The ham often has green spots on it and the bread  
15 is hard and moldy. Usually the hot dogs are not cooked right and they look dark red. Sometimes the  
16 milk is very warm and it tastes bad. A lot of the kids have gotten sick after eating at school and some  
17 are afraid to eat the food so the students walk around hungry all day.

18 13. There is no nurse at the school. Whenever a student feels sick, someone from the office  
19 calls the student's parents and the student goes home. This worries me because if there was a real  
20 emergency, no one at the school would know what to do.

21 14. The school never seems to have enough money for arts and activities. For example,  
22 there is rarely enough money for field trips. We went to Davies Symphony Hall a couple of weeks  
23 ago and it was terrific. I wish that we could have more out of school activities. Additionally, the  
24 school has cancelled most of the art and music classes. I used to play the violin but now I do not  
25 have a music teacher. Instead of the violin, I play the recorder once a week in class.  
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15. I love to learn and I really want to get a good education. I don't understand why the State of California has so much money but that none of the money goes to us. I feel betrayed because the State is not giving us the money or supplies that we need and deserve.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed by me this 12 day of May, 2000 at San Francisco, California.

  
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Bibiana Arriola

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