

1 **Declaration of Daniel Banks**

2 I, Daniel Banks, hereby declare:

3 1. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge and if called to
4 testify I could and would do so competently as follows:

5 2. I am an eleventh grade student at Crenshaw High School.

6 3. I am very concerned that we have a lot of unqualified and uncertified teachers at
7 our school. Many of the teachers don't seem to understand the subject matter they are teaching,
8 they don't know how to manage the classroom, and I know of some that majored in one subject,
9 but teach us something different. For example, my algebra teacher is trained to teach history, but
10 yet they have her teaching us algebra. She told me she majored in history, and I know she
11 teaches two history classes also. It also makes me upset that some of the teachers show up more
12 than ten minutes late to class on a regular basis. During my tenth grade year, my math teacher,
13 Mr. Kong, and my Spanish teacher, Mr. Diaz, both came to class at least ten minutes late on a
14 consistent basis. In a 55 minute period, I feel like we lose a lot of our instructional time when the
15 teachers don't get to class on time.

16 4. There is also a lot of teacher turnover; about five of the teachers I had in ninth and
17 tenth grade are no longer teaching at Crenshaw High School. After my tenth grade year, my
18 math, Spanish, and world history teachers left Crenshaw High School.

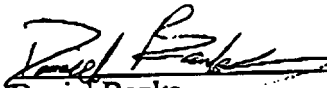
19 5. This year I didn't have a Spanish teacher first semester for about three months.
20 We had different substitutes who came in, and we did work, but I know we weren't learning as
21 much as we should have been.

22 6. My Spanish class is overcrowded. There are too many students in my class, and
23 so sometimes students have to steal a chair from across the hall so that they have a place to sit
24 down.

25 7. I refuse to use the bathrooms. They stink. They are a mess, and they are locked up
26 for most of the day. Instead I just sit and hold it for the entire day, unless it is a real emergency.
27 I think that a big part of the reason the bathrooms are so disgusting is that we only have about six
28 janitors for our entire school of more than 2,000 students.

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I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 28th day of June, 2001 in Los Angeles, California.


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