

1 **Declaration of Maria Hinojos**

2 I, Maria Hinojos, 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 the mother of David Hinojos. David attended Hosler Middle School in
6 Lynwood during his seventh and eighth grade school years, which were the 2000 and 2001
7 school years.

8 3. My son did not have a teacher his entire seventh grade year, and for most of his
9 eighth grade year.

10 4. My son [redacted] is supposed to have one core teacher for
11 all of the subjects, but the school did not have a teacher for him or the other 10 to 15 students in
12 his class. Sometimes they had substitutes for the class, but many days they did not have any
13 adult in the front of the class at all, and so my son would just wander around the school for the
14 day. My son did not learn anything during his entire seventh grade year when he had no teacher.
15 I went to the school practically every day of the week, or I would call the principal or vice
16 principal on the phone to find out when they were going to provide a teacher to teach my son's
17 class. I asked them to do something about the situation so many times. The administrators just
18 kept saying not to worry and that they would get a teacher for the class, but they never did. My
19 son is so far behind I fear he will never ever catch up. It makes me want to cry to think that they
20 had him at school for an entire year doing absolutely nothing, with no teacher, no books, and
21 with nothing for him to do.

22 5. In eighth grade my son did not have a permanent teacher until the last four months
23 of school, from March until June. My son had no adult in front of his classroom for that entire
24 time. The school did not provide him with a teacher, and it made me so, so angry. Again, I
25 went up to the school to complain, but they did not find a teacher for his class until March of his
26 eighth grade year. Fortunately, one day after about the first three or four weeks of school when
27 my son was wandering the halls one of the other [redacted] teachers, Mr. Hasker, saw my
28 son. When this teacher heard that my son did not have a teacher, he let my son come into his

1 classroom for the rest of the year until his real teacher was hired in March even though he already
2 had a class of his own to teach. I do not know what happened to the rest of the children in my
3 son's class from September until March.

4 6. My son did not receive an education at Hosler, and I am furious. No child should
5 be treated as my child has been treated. My son is being promoted to high school, and yet he is
6 still reading and writing at a first grade level. This school has utterly and completely failed to
7 educate him, and I am shocked, angry, and saddened. He is just so far behind it makes me sick to
8 my stomach. I feel hopeless because I complained often, and the school administrators did
9 nothing to change the situation for my son, and now they are sending him on to high school
10 without the knowledge he needs to succeed.

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12 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United
13 States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 3 day of July, 2001 in Lynwood,
14 California.

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