

1 but it contained mostly short stories. The book had some good short stories, but we should have
2 read some novels, too, in a contemporary composition English class.

3 8. I did not have a regular locker to put my belongings in. I did have a locker in the
4 physical education room, but some of my stuff got lost because I did not have a locker in the
5 main part of the building to put my stuff in. I know other students who did not get a locker, too.
6 Also, some lockers are jammed, so they cannot open, and other lockers cannot be closed. These
7 lockers should be fixed, so that more students can have lockers to put their possessions in.

8 9. The bathrooms are also not in good condition. There is almost never any soap,
9 toilet paper, or paper towels. Also, some sinks run constantly—you cannot turn them off—and
10 other sinks cannot be turned on. And the doors on the stalls do not have locks. Because there are
11 no locks on the stall doors and no toilet paper, I cannot go to the bathroom at school. I have to
12 go to a friend's house to use her bathroom. Sometimes I cannot leave school, and I have to wait
13 the whole day to go to the bathroom. It is uncomfortable, and my mind is focused on when I will
14 be able to use the bathroom. This takes away from my learning. Also, it is difficult to clean my
15 hands in the school bathrooms because there is no soap; and when I do put my hands under the
16 water, I have to dry them on my clothes because there are no paper towels or toilet paper.


17 10. During the week of June 25, 2001, my friend and I were in the cafeteria during
18 homeroom and we saw a fat rat. The rat went away and then we saw it later with a piece of fruit
19 in its mouth.

20 11. Belmont is a year-round multitrack school, and I am on track B. Belmont is
21 overcrowded, even though it is on the multitrack system. My friends and I call the school the
22 "traffic jam" because it feels so overcrowded in the halls there. It's hard to get to class early
23 because there are so many people in the halls that it's hard to get through the halls in the five
24 minutes we have between classes. The multitrack system is hard because we forget stuff we've
25 been learning when we go off track in the middle of our semesters. We come back on track and
26 they give us tests and we're feeling all rusty from being off track. That happened with the
27 Stanford 9 tests a few months ago; we just got back from being off track and then we had to take
28 the Stanford 9 tests and I didn't feel prepared.

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12. The conditions at Belmont have slowed my learning down. I want to be more prepared for college than I will be. I know I could be more prepared if my school gave me a better education. I deserve a better school.

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 3rd day of July 2001 in Los Angeles, California.


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