

Declaration of Nora Morales

- I, Nora Morales, hereby declare:
- 1. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and if called to testify I could and would do so competently as follows:
- 2. I am fourteen years old and I just finished the ninth grade at Belmont High School located in Los Angeles, California. I will return for tenth grade at Belmont in the fall.
- 3. The restrooms at Belmont High School are dirty and smell bad. In some of the restrooms the sinks do not work. Often there is no toilet paper, paper towels, or soap. My friends and I try not to use the restrooms at Belmont because they are so dirty and smell bad. It is so disgusting. Last semester, the restrooms on the second, third and fourth floors were often kept locked for usually three days at a time. Each day a different floor had the restroom locked and we would have to walk to the next floor to see if that restroom was open. They should keep all the restrooms open because there are too many students at Belmont.
- 4. In my computer class, first period, the main server for the computers usually crashes about two to three times a week. When this happens, it interferes with our learning because we end up usually sitting around watching movies that have nothing do with the class. It is a waste of time. For example, the week of June 4-8, the server has been down all week and we have been watching movies during class. We also do not have access to the Internet. I wish we did because it would help us to do research on line to learn more.
- 5. Belmont High School is so overcrowded that not all teachers have their own classrooms. My teacher for Education and Career Planning (ECP), fifth period, does not have a permanent classroom and everyday has to switch to a different classroom for fourth, fifth, and sixth periods because there aren't enough classrooms available for each teacher. At the beginning of the current school semester, my second period math class was overcrowded for two weeks; the teacher would have to get chairs from other classrooms to seat six students. During breaks or passing periods, the hallways are extremely overcrowded. I have to literally push and shove other students to get through the hallways.
 - 6. The air conditioning in some of my classes often does not work and if it does

work it does not cool properly. For example, in my French class, fourth period, and my Education and Career Planning (ECP) class, fifth period, the air conditioning does not work at all. My teachers have to use fans in the rooms to keep it somewhat cool, but even with the fans on it is still hot. The windows in my ECP class are designed to be extremely small and are up high on the wall and are hard to open, so they really don't help to keep it cool. The heat sometimes causes me to have a headache. Sometimes I sweat so much that I have to use papers as a lan for air.

- Last semester the heaters in some of my classes did not properly work. It would 7. get so cold in my classes that I would have to wear my jacket to stay warm.
- 8. The water fountains are always dirty. The water tastes bad and it has a greyish look to it. I don't like to drink the water so I often buy my own water at school.

I declare und	r penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United
	ing is true and correct. Executed this 3rd day of
July	, 2001 in Los Angeles, California,
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