

**Declaration of Janeth Pineda**

I, Janeth Pineda, hereby declare:

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

2. I am currently a sophomore at Bell High School in Bell. I have attended Bell during the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 school years.

3. Bell High School is a multi-track school and it is terribly overcrowded. The line to get to the cafeteria is extremely long and sometimes the cafeteria closes before you can reach the front. The school is too crowded for us to have an assembly as a whole school. Usually, they just pick several class periods to come together when they have an assembly. The hallways are so crowded that I have seen students literally tripping over each other. Some of the classes at Bell are held in the library and in the auditorium because there just isn't enough space for all of the students.

4. The bathrooms at Bell are really disgusting. Some of the toilets have black plastic bags around them because they don't work, several stalls do not have doors, the floors are dirty, and often there is no toilet paper, paper towels, or soap. Because the school is so crowded there is often a long line just to be able to use the bathroom.

5. I have seen teachers at the school carting their books around because they do not have a permanent classroom. My math teacher shares his room with another teacher and I have seen my education planning teacher roaming around the school.

6. For my education planning class during the 2000-2001 school year, I had three different teachers. This was terrible because I had one teacher for a few months and then we went off track and when we came back there was a different teacher. However, the second teacher only stayed for about a month and then another teacher came and took her place. I had a hard time learning in that class because we had so many teachers.

7. I have a difficult time retaining the information I learn when I am on and off track. I have a hard time remembering what I was taught during the first few months of school when I have a two month break in between each full semester. I wish I was on a regular calendar

1 schedule.

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3 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United  
4 States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 25 day of September, 2001 in Bell,  
5 California.

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