Declaration of Ana Mazarillega

I, Ana Mazarillega, 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 ten years old and in the 6th grade at Wilmington Middle School. I attended Gulf Avenue Elementary from kindergarten through 5th grade.

3.   In the 4th grade, during the 1999-2000 school year, I saw rats in Mr. Ibarra's class every day in the first part of the year. One time during the beginning of 4th grade in Mr. Ibarra's class we came back from lunch and when my friend Sierra opened her desk there was a rat inside it. I was scared. I didn't want to go back into the room after I saw that. In the cafeteria in 5th grade I saw a whole bunch of rats. After that my friends and I did not want to go into the cafeteria. When Mr. Ibarra would ask who wanted to help in the cafeteria no one would raise their hands.

4.   The bathrooms at Gulf were dirty and had toilet paper on the floor and ceiling. There was writing on the walls. There was no toilet paper or paper towels to use a lot of the time. The bathrooms were dirty in the morning and only cleaned in the afternoon. It was like this all of the years I was at Gulf but it was worse in the 5th grade. Because the bathrooms were dirty, I did not like using them. When I was in 5th grade I would sometimes sneak over and use the 1st and 2nd grade bathrooms because they were a little bit cleaner.

5.   In 4th and 5th grade I had books that had bad words written in them, torn pages and were missing some pages. In 4th grade, Mr. Ibarra made his own handwriting and reading books out of pieces of paper because our books were so messed up. After they gave us books like this I didn't like school and did not want to go there anymore.

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 15 day of October, 2001 in Wilmington, California.

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