

1 DECLARATION OF RICHARD MYLES

2 I, RICHARD MYLES, hereby declare:

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

5 2. I am in tenth grade and attend Huntington Park High School.

6 3. Most of my textbooks are old. I don't know the exact age of my books, but I think
7 my biology book is as old as the early 1990's. Pages are missing in some of my books, and they're
8 so marked up and tagged up that you can't even read them sometimes. My English and health books
9 were tagged up and had pages missing. Last year, my biology book and modern world history books
10 were marked up, too.

11 4. In my ninth grade English class last year, I did not have a book to take home because
12 there weren't enough books. We had to do our reading during class. My teacher would sometimes
13 make photocopies for us to take home and write questions for us on the chalkboard. We would copy
14 the questions down and bring them home.

15 5. There aren't enough permanent teachers at my school, so there are classes that are
16 taught by substitute teachers for the entire semester. The teacher in my "ZZB Math"/Algebra class,
17 [REDACTED], is a substitute teacher. He's been teaching our class since the semester started last
18 month. I don't know if he is trained to teach math. Each semester, there is a substitute teacher that
19 teaches "ZZB Math" for the entire semester.

20 6. Huntington Park High is a year-round, multi-track school. I am in B track. When
21 you don't do well in a class and you get a low grade, you can go to intersession, or summer school,
22 where you get a chance to make up the grade. But in B track, you don't have that opportunity to take
23 a lot of classes over, including U.S. History and science, because there are too many kids at school
24 at one time, so they don't offer these classes. So you have to go to Maxine Waters Continuation
25 school or an alternative school if you want to take the class over, or you have to stay in the same
26 grade. You might be able to take English or math, though.

27 7. In my computer networking class, our computers are old and break down a lot. About
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1 every two to three weeks, a computer breaks down. We sometimes spend our class time trying
2 to help the teacher fix them.

3 8. The bathrooms are sometimes locked, and you can't use them. You usually have
4 to check two or three bathrooms before you find one that is open. The bathrooms in the main
5 building are often locked. The bathrooms downstairs in the 100's are always locked. The
6 bathroom walls are dirty and tagged up. Paper towels are all over the floor, and there's never
7 any soap. The bathrooms in the bungalows are always dirty, even in the mornings. Even the
8 bathroom in the gym is dirty. I think they have been replacing the toilets in the 100's bathroom
9 during the school day.

10 9. The school water fountains are dirty and often clogged. The water fountain by the
11 physical education field is now clogged.

12 10. There's no air-conditioning in my 3rd period computer networking class. My
13 teacher uses fans to try and keep it cool, but it still gets so hot that you get sweaty. The heat
14 makes you get sleepy in class, and it's harder to concentrate. In my 6th period math class, the air-
15 conditioner was broken for about two weeks. Last month, the air-conditioner broke in my art
16 class, and because it was so hot, we went to the cafeteria and had art class there for one week
17 straight.

18 11. There isn't enough heat in many of the classrooms in the winter. You have to
19 wear a coat in school to keep warm. In my world history class last year, I would sometimes wear
20 gloves in class because it's so cold. My teacher would tell me to take my gloves off, so I had to,
21 but it was hard to write because your fingers would freeze.

22 12. When it was raining last year, the ceiling started leaking in my health class, Room
23 78, right over the desks, in the middle of the floor. We moved the desks out of the way, and the
24 teacher put out three trash cans to catch the water. The ceiling would leak off and on for about a
25 month during the rainy season. I don't know if it was ever fixed, but I never saw them fixing it.

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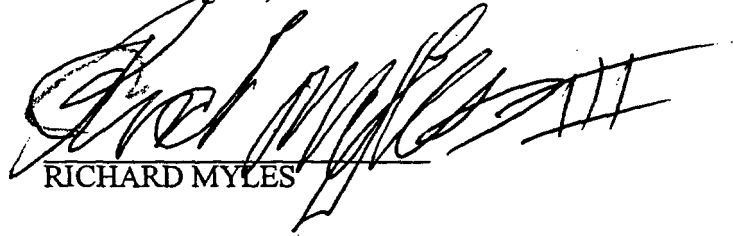
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 23, 2001 at Los Angeles, California.



RICHARD MYLES