

1 **Declaration of Rosalba Aguayo**

2 I, Rosalba Aguayo, hereby declare:

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

5 2. I am currently a twelfth grade student at Locke High School in Los Angeles. I
6 attended Locke High School during the 1998-1999, 1999-2000, and 2000-2001 school years.

7 3. Throughout my years at Locke I have not been given textbooks in many of my
8 classes to use in class or to take home to study in many of my classes. In some classes I have
9 actually had to purchase my own books. During the 2000-2001 school year in my second period
10 AP English class I had to buy books for use in the class. During my fifth period AP Spanish class
11 during the 2000-2001 school year we were not given any books, any work, and our teacher was
12 not motivated to teach us in part he said because we was very tired of the lack of materials
13 provided for teachers and students at Locke. I did not learn very much in that class and I believe
14 that if I was not a Spanish speaker I would have never passed.

15 4. During the 1999-2000 school year in my first period Algebra II class there was
16 only a class set of books for the students to use. I was not allowed to take my Algebra II book
17 home to study with and instead I was sometimes given copies to take home for homework. At
18 other times the teacher did not give us copies or homework. In my fourth period English class
19 the school did not provide the students with the books required for the class and so the teacher
20 told us to buy our books. For example, I purchased Great Expectations and Frankenstein. It
21 made me feel bad to have to buy my books for the class. I did not understand why the school did
22 not provide those very basic things for us.

23 5. In my geometry class during the 1998-1999 school year there were no books for
24 the students to use. The teacher gave us worksheets, but sometimes the copies were bad and it
25 was difficult to read the assignments. In my health class during the 1998-1999 school year we
26 did not have any textbooks. The teacher provided us with copies but it would have been nice to
27 have a real textbook in that class because it is much easier to learn when you have a full book to
28 use for reference.

1 6. In my sixth period chemistry class during the 2000-2001 school year, our teacher
2 did not have any of the basic science materials needed to teach a chemistry class, and so we were
3 not able to do labs or experiments. Not being able to do experiments impedes my ability to
4 comprehend fully what chemistry is all about.

5 7. The teacher for my sixth period AP Environmental Science class during the 2000-
6 2001 school year left the school part way through the year. After this teacher left, our class had
7 different substitutes every day. Sometimes the substitute assigned to our class did not show up
8 and we would just stand outside the classroom. It was terrible, but there was nothing that the
9 students could do about it. I really felt like I got cheated in that class, and I learned a lot less than
10 I should have learned.

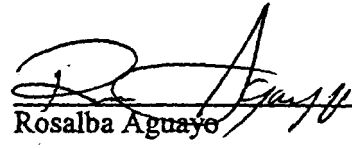
11 8. During the 1998-1999 school year in my introductory science class I had no
12 permanent teacher for the entire school year. The substitutes did not teach us anything and so we
13 basically just sat and talked during that class. We were never given any books, and the only thing
14 that I remember doing in that class was crossword puzzles. Because I was not given a foundation
15 in science, I had difficulties in the science classes I took in later years. It was unfortunate that the
16 principal did not appear to take any notice of the problem or fix the situation for the entire school
17 year.

18 9. Many teachers leave Locke High School. Four of the fifteen teachers that I have
19 had at Locke High School have left the school. My geometry, AP English, Algebra II, and AP
20 Environmental Science teachers all quit teaching at Locke High School. It feels like all of the
21 best teachers leave Locke because they just don't get the support and materials they need to really
22 teach us and they get frustrated and go somewhere else. In fact, I have heard some of these
23 teachers complain about the lack of materials and supplies, and I know many of them buy things
24 out of their own salaries to help us learn.

25 10. During the 2000-2001 school year, in my technology class there were not enough
26 computers for all of the students in the class and so we had to share. This was very difficult
27 because the teacher expected us to finished certain assignment during a particular time frame and
28 when I had to share a computer it was hard to get the assignment in on time.

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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 16 day of September, 2001 in Los Angeles, California.


Rosalba Aguayo