

1 **Declaration of Everardo Pastor**

2 I, Everardo Pastor, 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 a tenth grade student at Locke High School in Los Angeles. This is my first  
6 year at Locke. The year before I went to Manual Arts High School.

7 3. The students really need more textbooks at Locke High School. For example, in  
8 my first period world history class we only had half a class set until about three weeks before our  
9 school year ended. For essentially the entire year this meant that we all had to share books, about  
10 two students to a book. Even now that the new books have arrived, we still don't have enough  
11 books to be able to take a book home with us to study. This makes it very difficult to learn, to  
12 study for exams, and to complete homework assignments. We receive our assignments in class,  
13 and once we get home if we can't remember the answer from what we went over in class or if the  
14 answer is not in the notes from class, then basically we can't finish our homework assignment.  
15 This has happened to me several times. When we were studying the Mayans and Aztecs section,  
16 my notes were not enough to help me complete my homework assignment, and so I had lots of  
17 trouble. I could not look in the book to check my answer or re-read the section I did not  
18 understand. Once I just had to turn in an incomplete assignment. What is even worse is that the  
19 very next day in class we move on, and so if you get behind it is very hard to catch up, because  
20 there is really no time to go back and look up the answer you were confused about. If I try to  
21 catch up, by looking back during class, then I fall behind. Studying for tests is also difficult. I  
22 know that in other better school students can take books home.

23 4. In my second period science class we don't have enough textbooks for the entire  
24 class. We are about four books short for the class, and so sometimes I have to share or I give my  
25 book to someone else during class to use for purposes of doing an in class assignment. When I  
26 loan my book to someone else, sometimes I don't have anything in front of me to read. Other  
27 times I will share with the person next to me. It really depends on whether it is just easier to wait  
28 until they are done with the class exercise. It is not that easy to share a book when someone else

1 is going at a different pace than you are or is on a different question. The books are also ripped  
2 up, old, and have graffiti all over them. At least a dozen pages in each book are missing. If the  
3 teacher assigns pages that are missing from your book then your learning and your grade are  
4 affected, because you have to wait for another student to finish the assignment before you can  
5 even get started. If you are missing pages from your book then you are not learning as much as  
6 you could be.

7         5.       In my third period English class there weren't enough literature textbooks, and so  
8 students were sharing two or three students to a textbook for the first semester when we used the  
9 books. This semester we have basically focused our entire English class around one book, *Lord*  
10 *of The Flies*. However, until about one month ago there weren't enough copies of these books  
11 for our class. This put the whole class behind, because we all had to share. Our teacher talked to  
12 us about buying our own books, because it was so bad. Students were sharing books in class, we  
13 couldn't take them home to read ahead or to get more reading done, and so it took us two or three  
14 weeks just to finish one chapter. If I didn't understand what I was reading, then that would put  
15 me even further behind. I had to wait to get back to class and hope that there was a book  
16 available to review what I did not understand. I feel like our learning is really suffering. We  
17 should read more than one book in a semester. We should have books to take home. How can  
18 we learn like this?

19         6.       My fourth period typing class is also horrible. Our typing books are attached to  
20 each computer station. In each book about 20 to 30 pages are missing. There are many times (at  
21 least once a week), when my teacher tells us to do an assignment on a certain page, and that page  
22 just isn't there. My teacher tries to make extra photocopies of the assignments for us, but she is  
23 given a fixed or limited amount of copies. This means that sometimes she just doesn't have any  
24 copies for those of us whose pages are missing. My teacher tells those of us who don't have the  
25 page in our books to do something different, or we just sit there and wait.

26         7.       In my fifth period math class there are not enough books. Students also complain  
27 because about half of the books are in Spanish, and so some of the students who speak only  
28 English will receive a book that they can't read. There are not enough books, so students are left

1 without books and have to wait for other students to finish their assignments before they can do  
2 their work.

3 8. In my sixth period animation class this semester my teacher did not have any  
4 books or materials for us even though she had requested them from the principal. My teacher  
5 had to buy us all animation books with her own money. I don't know if she was ever reimbursed.

6 9. Locke High School is very overcrowded. There are not enough computer stations  
7 for all the students in my typing class. At least four students end up standing during the class  
8 period every day. This means that they have no computer or station to do their work at, and so  
9 they just have to wait until someone else finishes before they can get on a computer. The class I  
10 have before typing class is all the way across campus, and so because I can't get to class early I  
11 have to stand up sometimes. At the beginning of the year for about two weeks, my science class  
12 was also very overcrowded and a few students had to stand or sit on other student's desks. My  
13 animation class is held in a storage closet. There are about 21 students in that class, but there are  
14 only about 12 chairs. Also, this is an animation class which requires that you do almost  
15 everything on the computer. However, we only have 12 computers, and so we have to share or  
16 wait.

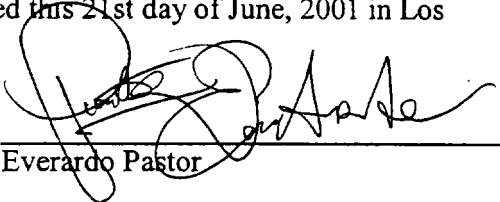
17 10. The air conditioning in my animation class doesn't work, and so it is really, really  
18 hot. I mean we are in a closet without air conditioning, and with too many students. It is wrong.  
19 Also, it makes it very hard to concentrate when you are sweating and uncomfortable.

20 11. In my fifth period algebra class we had substitute teachers until about 10 weeks  
21 into the second semester. Then this great teacher Mr. Cubias finally took our algebra class, but  
22 before that the substitutes didn't really teach us anything. Most of them talked about their own  
23 personal lives in class, slept, or talked on their cell phones. I can only remember about two  
24 weeks where we had a substitute who actually taught us math. I didn't receive a grade in this  
25 class first semester, because we didn't have a teacher. This is just terrible. I am not being  
26 educated, and I think it is wrong. In my science class, our teacher was often gone during the first  
27 semester and so we constantly had substitutes. During that time, the only work we did was on  
28 worksheets.

1           12.     The bathroom facilities are really gross. They are also rarely open, because the  
2 administration locks the doors for most of the day. When I have to go to the bathroom, I search  
3 for a security guard to open the door. This takes time away from your classes, and if you are in  
4 between classes it can make you late. When I go in the bathroom, often there is no toilet paper,  
5 soap, or paper towels. It is unhealthy and unclean. If I can't find a security guard, or I can't find  
6 a bathroom that is open, I suffer because I am uncomfortable. How are you supposed to learn  
7 when you are uncomfortable like that?

8           13.     We also have not had any field trips, the whole time I have been attending Locke,  
9 because we have been told that the school doesn't have enough money to provide the buses,  
10 substitutes, and other things needed to take us on a field trip.

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12           I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United  
13 States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 21st day of June, 2001 in Los  
14 Angeles, California.

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