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1 stuffy in the classroom. It is really hard to learn when you feel uncomfortable, sweaty, and
2 dehydrated. I cannot concentrate very well on what is happening in class when I feel so
3 uncomfortable.

4 5. During the 2000-2001 school year I saw two rats in two different classrooms.
5 First I saw a rat in my integrated science classroom, and then I saw a rat in my math classroom.
6 In both classes the rats ran across the classroom floor while our classes were in session. It was
7 really disgusting and several students screamed. It made we think that the administrators really
8 don't take care of our school. We should not have rats running across the floor during our
9 classes. Rats are really dirty and they carry diseases. I also saw a rat in the school's locker room
10 during my P.E. class.

11 6. In my integrated science class during the 2000-2001 school year some of our
12 desks were broken-up and they were very uncomfortable.

13 7. It is really overcrowded at Oxnard High School. In my English class during the
14 2000-2001 school year two of the students had to share a desk, and two students had to sit at the
15 teacher's desk because there was not enough space for the students to have their own desks.
16 When I say that two students had to share a desk I mean that one student had to pull a chair up to
17 another students small desk and share the desk space with them because we could not fit any
18 more desks in our classroom. There were approximately 40 students in our classroom, and so the
19 teacher had a difficult time helping all of the students who need help and it took longer for us to
20 get through our lessons. When I would try to move around the classroom I had to walk sideways
21 down the aisles and I would often bump into another student's desk or their book bag. In my
22 geography class the room was really overcrowded. The seats were all bunched up together and
23 the room smelled pretty bad because we were packed in and there was no air conditioning. When
24 it is crowded like that it is difficult for the teacher to teach and it is hard for the students to
25 concentrate on the classroom because it is so uncomfortable. When I go to lunch I have to wait
26 in line sometimes for ten minutes or more just to get my food because the school is so
27 overcrowded. At times the school runs out of food for the students, and so the students have to
28 go off campus or they just have to wait until they get home from school to eat.

1 8. The restrooms at Oxnard High School are really disgusting, and there are not
2 enough bathrooms open for all of the students to use. There is urine on the toilets and the floors.
3 Often there is no toilet paper, soap, or paper towels in the bathrooms. Only three of the
4 bathrooms out of eight bathrooms in the school are open during the school day. That means we
5 only have three boys and three girls bathrooms for about 3,500 students. Often during our
6 nutrition and lunch period the restrooms are really crowded. There are lines for the bathroom
7 that wind around the building during lunch and nutrition and sometimes it takes up to 15 minutes
8 just to use the bathroom. During our lunch period sometimes only 2 boys bathrooms are open
9 and then the overcrowding problem is even worse. When everyone has to wait in line to go to
10 the bathroom this leaves very little time to eat you lunch or your snack. Also, the bathrooms get
11 really disgusting when there are so many students using them in one day. It makes me angry that
12 we do not have more bathrooms, and that are bathrooms are so gross inside.

13 9. There are not enough counselors at Oxnard High School. The two times that I
14 have tried to go see my counselor because of a mistake in my schedule I had to wait in a long line
15 just to get in the counselor's door. When I registered for summer school classes I had to wait two
16 hours before I could see my counselor. There are only 6 counselors at the school for some 3,500
17 students. That means every counselor is responsible for almost 600 students. The counselors
18 don't even know our names. If you want to go see a counselor and it is not related to a schedule
19 change at the start of a new school session then you have to put in a request at the counseling
20 office and it can take up to two weeks for a counselor to see you. I know this because one of my
21 friends tried to see a counselor this year and it took about two weeks for them to get into see the
22 counselor.

23 10. Our school is really overcrowded and there are not enough buses to take all of the
24 students to school. Sometimes students have to sit on each others laps on the bus because there
25 are not enough seats on the bus for everyone. There are about 80 students from my
26 neighborhood that take our bus, but there are only about 60 seats on the bus. If I don't take the
27 bus I have to walk about five miles to school. One time last year our bus almost ran into a car
28 and because we were all squished into the bus the students were really afraid that if we had

1 gotten into an accident we would have gotten really hurt.

2 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United
3 States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 23 day of July, 2001 in Oxnard,
4 California.

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