

1 **Declaration of Beatriz Islas**

2 I, Beatriz Islas, 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 Washington Preparatory High School.

6 3. Washington is a multitrack, year-round school. I'm on Track B. This means that
7 sometimes I can't take all the classes that I want, because they're not offered on my track. I
8 wanted to learn the violin, but I couldn't, because they don't have music on Track B. You have to
9 be on Track C in order to take the music class.

10 4. Overcrowding is a problem. Sometimes you can't take the classes that you want
11 to take, because they're so crowded. I wanted to take French this year, but it was too full, so the
12 administration took me out of the class and made me take Spanish instead. There were about
13 twenty-four students that had to switch into Spanish class. We didn't have any choice. Also, I
14 wanted to take computers this year, but it was full, so I couldn't take it.

15 5. We don't always get all the books we need. In my biology class this year, we don't
16 each get a book to take home. The teacher only has one class set for all the biology periods, so
17 we can only look at them in class. So we don't get any homework for the class. We can't take the
18 books home to study, so the teacher makes us copy the pages by hand so we can study them at
19 home. This takes all period, and even then it's hard to finish. That's usually what we do every
20 day in that class - we just copy pages of the book. In other classes, even when we do get books,
21 they're messed up. In my U.S. history class, the books are all messed up. They don't have all the
22 pages, and not all of the students have exactly the same book - they have different editions. A
23 few weeks ago, my teacher told us to copy some words out of the glossary in the back, and I tried
24 to open my book to the page that she said, but I couldn't, because the pages were stuck together
25 with gum.

26 6. There aren't always enough desks for all of the students. Like in my geology class
27 this year. There are at least about five students who don't have a desk. It's different students
28 every day who don't get a desk. The students who don't get a desk have to get a chair from

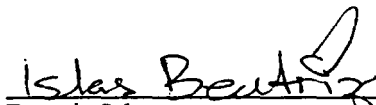
1 outside and sit close to someone who has a desk, and share the desk with them. This is hard
2 because there isn't enough room to put both of our papers on the desk at the same time.

3 7. Some of the classes don't have permanent teachers. My friend is taking a French
4 class, and they have a new substitute every week. The whole year, they never got a real teacher.

5 8. We only have two girls' bathrooms in the whole school. The bathrooms have
6 three or four stalls in each one. Sometimes one of the bathrooms, the one in the science building,
7 is locked. So even if you really need to use it, you can't. When that happens, only the bathroom
8 in the main building is open, and the line gets really, really long, because one bathroom with a
9 few stalls is not enough for everyone in the school. I don't like to use the bathrooms at school,
10 because they're really dirty. Some of the stalls have no locks, so you have to get a friend to hold
11 the door closed for you, and sometimes there's no toilet paper to use.

12 9. There aren't enough lockers for all the students. Almost all of the ninth graders
13 don't get to have a locker. They have to carry all their books back and forth from school to their
14 house. That's a lot of books to carry, and it's really heavy.

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16 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United
17 States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 20 day of June, 2001 in Los
18 Angeles, California.

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