## Declaration of Giovanna Ayala

I, Giovanna Ayala, hereby declare:

I make this declaration under the penalty of perjury, based on my own personal knowledge:

2. I am in the seventh grade at Gage Middle School in Huntington Park. Gage Middle School is on a multi-track system and I am on track C, which means that I am in school for four months and on break for two months.

3. There are not enough bathrooms at Gage for the students to use. There are three bathrooms to use in the whole school, two for students to use and one in the Parent Center. All the other bathrooms at the school are locked. The two bathrooms for students to use are closed during class, so many times I use the bathroom at the Parent Center. Most of the time, the bathrooms do not have any toilet paper, soap or paper towels.

4. Gage uses a lot of substitute teachers. In my math class, during the 2001-2002 school year, I had five different teachers since the beginning of the year. We just got our permanent teacher two weeks before going on break. I had trouble with the substitutes because every teacher does something different. One of the substitutes wanted us to turn in our homework in our folder. But I got confused because none of the other teachers had collected our homework that way. Since I didn't know I was supposed to turn in my homework, I got a D. It really confuses us when we have so many different teachers trying to teach in a different way. I

wish I would have just one teacher because it makes it easier for me to learn.

5. Gage does not have enough classrooms for all the teachers. My history teacher,

during the 2001-2002 school year, has to use a different class each period because another teacher needs the room. He has to carry all his books and class materials from classroom to

classroom and then take them out at the beginning of every class. It usually takes him between

five to ten minutes to begin the class. I think this hurts us because we lose time while he takes

out everything he needs and we fall behind on our lessons. Teachers need their own classroom

class.

and desk so they know where everything is and don't have to lose time at the beginning of every

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6. Gage does not have a grass field. For P.E. class, we use a cement area in front of classrooms and bungalows. Students have to play right outside of the classrooms, which makes it really noisy for the classes. My sixth period is in the building near the P.E. area and sometimes it is hard to hear the teacher or concentrate when the other students are playing outside. It's especially hard to concentrate when I have to take a test.

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 <u>8</u> th day of November, 2001 in Los Angeles, California.

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