

1 **Declaration of Giovanna Ayala**

2 I, Giovanna Ayala, hereby declare:

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

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

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

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

21 5. Gage does not have enough classrooms for all the teachers. My history teacher,  
22 during the 2001-2002 school year, has to use a different class each period because another  
23 teacher needs the room. He has to carry all his books and class materials from classroom to  
24 classroom and then take them out at the beginning of every class. It usually takes him between  
25 five to ten minutes to begin the class. I think this hurts us because we lose time while he takes  
26 out everything he needs and we fall behind on our lessons. Teachers need their own classroom  
27 and desk so they know where everything is and don't have to lose time at the beginning of every  
28 class.

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