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1 large part due to mismanagement. One year I was told that the school spent \$70,000 on
2 textbooks. However, when I asked what happened to those textbooks, I was told by the chair of
3 the department that the books Locke had ordered were not district approved and so they could not
4 be used.

5 4. Students at Locke often have rotating substitutes or several different teachers
6 teaching their classes in one year because teachers leave the school or the school is unable to fill
7 the teacher vacancies. During second semester of the 2000-2001 school year I took over a life
8 skills class that had not had a permanent teacher for ten weeks (approximately half of the
9 semester). When I began teaching that class, the students told me that during those ten weeks
10 they had different substitutes in front of the class, they had no books, and they never did any
11 work. I was asked to teach this life skills class because the school could not find a teacher for the
12 class, but life skills is outside of my teaching area. Also, it was very difficult to reestablish order
13 and to teach the students when they had been without a real teacher for so long. Students need
14 continuity to learn and to progress.

15 5. Locke lacks basic teaching supplies. I spend at least \$500 per year of my own
16 money on supplies for my classroom and for my students. Locke is a Title I school but still we
17 don't have the supplies we need.

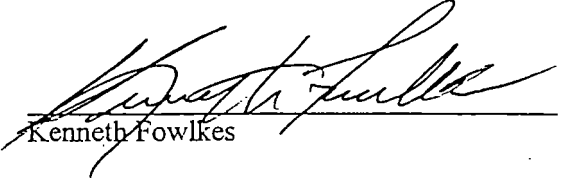
18 6. During the 1999-2000 school year, I had to borrow chairs from another social
19 studies teacher for part of the year because there were not enough desks for all of the students in
20 my class. The students who did not have a real desk had to sit at chairs in the back of the
21 classroom without a desktop to write on. Problems like these seem to be a result of poor
22 planning.

23 7. There is a high teacher turnover rate at Locke, which I believe is a result of lack of
24 support from the school. For the 2001-2002 school year, the administration at Locke has already
25 hired 16 new teachers. However, as of August 27th, which is the day I saw the staff roster at a
26 staff meeting, the school must still have at least 15 teacher vacancies because the teacher roster
27 for the 2000-2001 school year showed 120 teachers (and we had teacher vacancies last year), and
28 the teacher roster for this year only has 105 teachers on it.

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1 8. The computers at Locke are a farce. I have two computers in my classroom and
2 only one of those computers actually turns on. The one that works is old, it has no printer
3 attached to it, it is not hooked up to the Internet, and generally can only be used to play solitaire
4 and to draw. There is one computer lab in the main building and it is locked. Students can only
5 use that lab if they get permission. Most of the classrooms at Locke do not have computers in
6 them. It is a real shame. The students really need to have access to technology if they are going
7 to compete in this world.

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9 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United
10 States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 17 day of OCT, 2001 in Los
11 Angeles, California.

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