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## **DECLARATION OF GRACE PATINO**

I, GRACE PATINO, hereby declare:

- 1. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge, and if called to testify, I could and would do so competently as follows:
- 2. I teach Algebra and the Interactive Mathematics Project at Watsonville High Schoo in Watsonville, California. This year is my 27th year teaching at Watsonville High School.
- 3. Watsonville High School is overcrowded, and as a result, there are not enough classrooms to accommodate all the students. Last year (2000-2001), because of the lack of available classrooms, I had to teach a math class in a small room designated for photography classes. Students were not given individual desks and instead were forced to share small tables with other students. With four students to a table, students are extremely overcrowded and do not have enough space to work.
- 4. Because of the lack of available classrooms, many teachers, including myself, were forced to switch classrooms in between periods. For many teachers, having a constant classroom is essential for preparation. When having to switch classrooms, I feel pressed for time because I spend time traveling back and forth rather than preparing for the next period. Other teachers have also expressed frustration with the lack of preparation time when having to constantly switch classrooms.
- 5. Students frequently complain about the condition of the bathrooms at Watsonville High School. My son, who graduated from Watsonville High School in June 1997, would constantly complain that the bathrooms were always in really bad shape and that he didn't feel comfortable using them. He told me that they were dirty and had graffiti all over the walls. Approximately a couple of years ago, the bathrooms were in such bad shape that the administration had to lock them up. If students wanted to use the bathrooms, they had to contact a

campus supervisor to open up a bathroom for them. Since then, the bathrooms have been reopened, but it is my understanding that the bathrooms are still in bad shape. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on September, 30, 2001 at Watsonville, California Grace Patino 

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