

1 **DECLARATION OF DR. JOHN DEASY**

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3 I, Dr. John Deasy, declare as follows:

4 1. I am Superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District. I make
5 this declaration in support of Plaintiffs Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order in
6 this matter. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge, and if
7 called as a witness, I could and would testify to the following matters.

8 2. As Superintendent, I am responsible for oversight of the day-to-day
9 operations of the entire school system including instruction, curriculum, personnel,
10 fiscal management and physical facilities. I am also responsible for ensuring the
11 delivery of educational opportunity to the students in the Los Angeles Unified School
12 District.

13 3. I have been involved in education for approximately 31 years. I began
14 my career as a classroom teacher of math and science and later as a high school
15 principal. I earned a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry education and a
16 master's in education administration from Providence College as well as a doctorate of
17 philosophy in education from the University of Louisville. I was superintendent of
18 schools of Prince George's County, Maryland; the Coventry Public School System in
19 Rhode Island; and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District in California. I
20 was also Deputy Director of Education at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

21 4. I firmly believe that every high school student should have a full schedule
22 and that no student should be assigned to course periods that do not deliver
23 meaningful instruction. My views apply to assignment not only to "Home" periods—
24 in which students are assigned to no class at all and are sent home from school—but
25 also to other content-free courses, including "Service" periods. These "classes" are
26 not designed to deliver real instruction or learning opportunities to students, but rather
27 are no more than fillers to plug gaps where no genuine courses are readily available.

