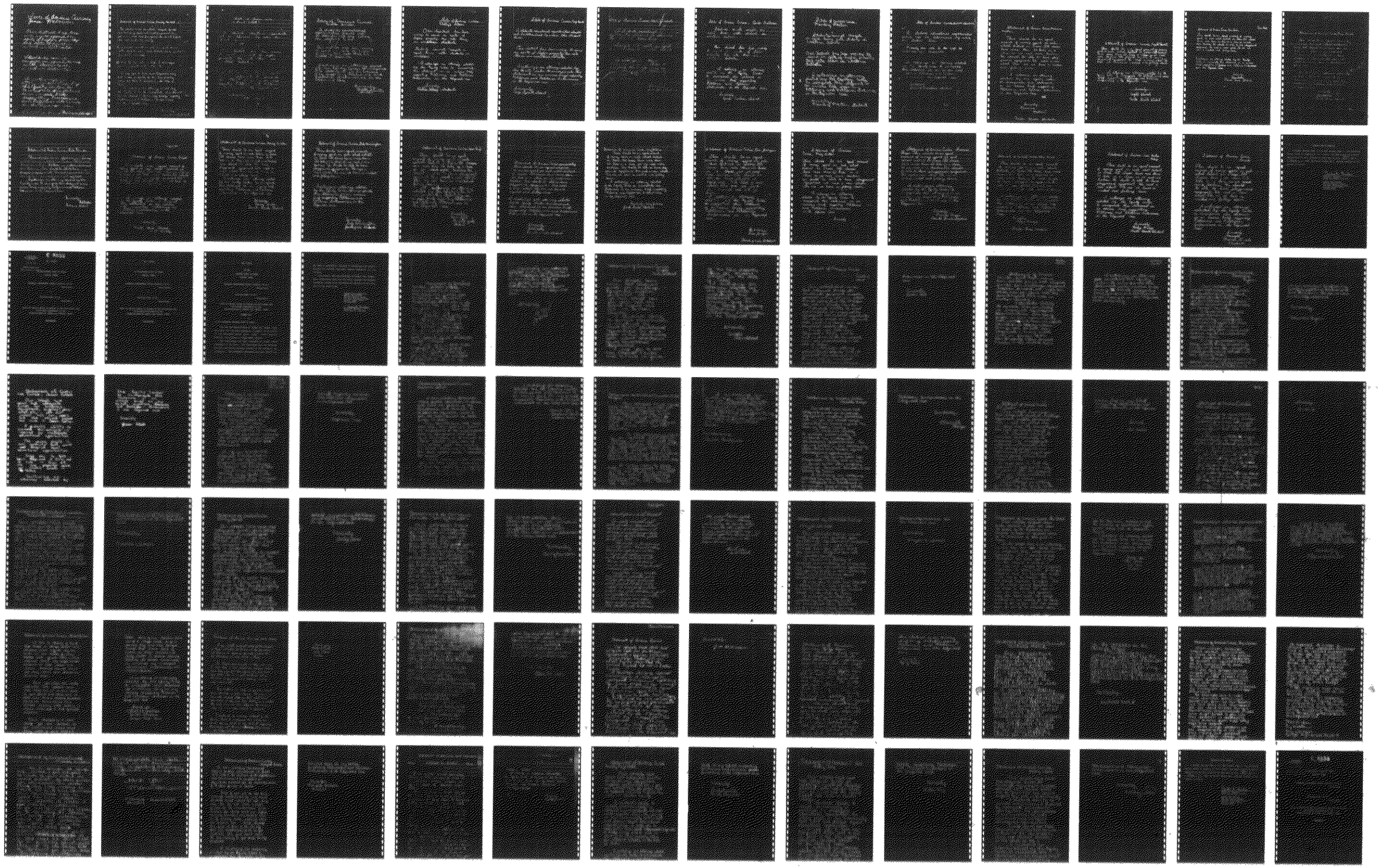

State of Amicus Curiae
James McCowen

Our district has less money to spend in spite of higher property tax rate than in the wealthier districts.

Students cannot compete on equal terms with students in wealthier districts.

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Signed by James McCowen, Student

Statement of Amicus Curiae, Mendy Howard

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① Students cannot compete on equal terms with students where school districts have greater financial resources.

② Property tax rate so high it discourages economic growth and development.

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Sincerely,
Mendy Howard, student

State of Amicus Curiae,
David Collett

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Sincerely,
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State of Amicus Curiae,
Brooke Snider

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State of Amicus Curiae,
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State of Amicus Curiae, Cary Spratt

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Sincerely,
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State of Amicus Curiae, Matt Karchaske

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State of Amicus Curiae, Jennifer Faulkner

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State of amicus curiae,
Mandy Martin

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Sincerely,
Mandy Martin, student

State of Amicus Curiae, Shuvina Chambers

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Property tax rate is too high to encourage new businesses.

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Sincerely,
Shuvina Chambers, student

Statement of Amicus Curiae, Marianne Mathers.

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Sincerly,
Marianne
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Statement of Amicus Curiae, Crystal Shumate

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Tony Daniels

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Statement of Amicus Curiae, Rick Banda

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May 5, 1989

"Statement of Amicus Curiae, Kristi

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Kristi Rackley

Statement of Amicus Curiae, Laney Snider

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Statement of Amicus Curiae, Dale Pennington

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Dale Pennington
fourth grade student

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Fourth grade
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Statement of amicus Curae, Amy Jenkins

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Statement of Amicus Curiae Lina Jernigan

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Lina Jernigan

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Statement of Amicus Curiae, Kiley Kwast.

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Statement of Amicus Curise, Becky Bishop

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Sincerely,
Amanda
Fourth Grade
Student.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Amicus Brief in Support of Petitioners' and Petitioner-Intervenors' Applications for Writ of Error has been sent on this 27th day of June, 1989, by United States Mail, postage prepaid to all counsel of record.

Sandra R. Nicolas

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VOLUME XIII

TO THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS:

Now come the schoolchildren of Sanger ISD, Sanger, Texas and submit the following statements in support of the ruling of the Honorable Harley Clark, Judge - 250th Judicial District, Travis County, in Cause Number 362,516.

The undersigned has been requested to submit these statements to the Court. The undersigned does not represent any party and has no monetary interest in the outcome of the litigation. The statements presented are from individuals

who have a substantial interest in preserving the State's ability to provide equitable public education to its citizens.

Accordingly, the schoolchildren of Sanger ISD, Sanger, Texas respectfully pray that this Court consider the attached statements (Volume XIII) and uphold the decision of the trial court in the case at bar.

Respectfully submitted,
ARNOLD AND NICOLAS
800 One Capitol Square
300 West Fifteenth Street
Austin, Texas 78701
512-320-5200

by Sandra R. Nicolas
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State Bar No. 15016500

Statement of Amicus Curiae, Wendie Hale.

Our schools have never had adequate funds for buildings, equipment, supplies, personal, etc... yet, our school has for years had the second highest tax rate in Denton County.

A student's ability to succeed economically is impaired by inadequate educational opportunities. The young people in our community both want and deserve equal education opportunities.

I urge you to both hear Edgewood v. Kirby and to rule in favor of the low property value per student schools in the State of Texas.

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Sincerely,

Wendi Hall

Statement of Amicus Curiae,
Angela
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Angela Harvelstead

Statement of Amicus Curiae

Justin Herd

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Intervenors in the Edgewood case

Sincerely,
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Michelle Tucker

Statement of Amicus curiae, first last name

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Michelle Tucker

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Statement of Amicus Curiae,
Brandie
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Brandie Ryan

Statement of Cumicus Curiae, Jason Collett

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Sincerely

Jason Collett

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Statement of amicus
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Sincerely,

Stephanie Sons

Statement of Amicus Curiae
Stephanie Borel

I am virtually concerned about public education in Texas and about the failure of the Legislature and Governor to support an equitable method for the distribution of state funds in Texas.

Our schools have had roofs that leak, low salaries from the custodians to the superintendent lack of equipment, and lack of a counselor to go around the entire school. I feel that if our school had the money we could really use a counselor for each grade level especially the seniors.

More money is now needed for the low value districts to meet the challenge of education reform; further delays will be irreparable damages.

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Thank you
Stephanie Borel
(Stephanie Borel)

Statement of Amicus Curiae, Julie Hughes

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Julie Hughes

Statement of amicus Curiae,
Marcella Franzle

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Marcella Frazee

Statement of Amicus Curiae,
Lori Triebel

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Sincerely,

Lori Triebel

Chad Holland

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Chad Adkins

Statement of Amicus Curiae,
Rebecca Watson

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Statement of Amicus Curiae.
Ashley Jones

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Ashley Jones

Statement of Amicus Curiae, Amy Denton

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Sincerely,

Amy Benson

Tanto Goode
5-5-89

Statement of Amicus Curiae, Tanto Goode

I'm vitally concerned about public education in Texas and about the failure of the Legislature and Governor to support an equitable method for the distribution of State funds in Texas.

The schools in Sanger are in need of repairs. We need buildings that will be safe for our children. As the price of everything is going up the teacher's salaries do not. How can children get the best, if we do not or can not pay for good dedicated teachers.

We need more money now for our children's education. It is not fair for larger and richer school districts to have better schools, districts to have better schools. Our kids education is just as important as one in a richer district. Sanger can raise taxes just so much, then the State should be able to increase

the amount that is needed.

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Thank you,
Tanto Goode

Statement of Amicus Curiae

Mysti Weston

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Sincerely,

Mupti K. Weston

Statement of Amicus Curiae, Lori Trego

I am virtually concerned about public education in Texas and about the failure of the Legislature and Governor to support an equitable method for the distribution of state funds in Texas.

In the school that I am attending, we have roofs that leak, crowded classrooms, an insufficient staff, unsafe portable classrooms, and a shortage on paper. Throughout this entire year I have not been allowed to write on a test paper and therefore had insufficient information to study with. In our four schools we have two councilors to deal with all of the students. This is not enough councilors to suffice. There is not enough quality equipment in our school to achieve the moral we need. We have no track equipment, very poor tennis courts, not enough material in our library for the debate team to set up files, and not enough room for all of the activities going on.

More money is needed now

for the low value districts to meet the challenge of educational reform; further delays will do irreparable damage.

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Thank You,
Lori Trego
LORI TREGO
Student

Statement of amicus Curiae, Elaine Wheeler

I am vitally concern about public education in texas and about the failure of the legisature and governor to support an equitable method for the distribution of state funds in texas

Our school has ceiling with holes in it from the leaking roof. Our doors have broken locks or no knob at all.

Our teachers are not able to give the individual attention need to each student, because we do not have the funds to pay for more teachers. This is effecting our education.

Our facilities, teachers, and students are all effected by this cut in funds. Without the funds needed, we don't have the teachers need, which therefore the student are not able to recieve the education they deserve.

I feel that the state should be more equal in giving the taxs to the schools. Every school teachers, and students deserve the same. no-one school is better than the other in educational needs.

Sencerly,
Elaine Wheeler

Statement of Amicus Curiae, LaDell Graham

I am a student of Sanger High School in Sanger, Texas. As a student, I am affected by the cuts in our schools faculty, classes, and funds. Also, I have noticed that the bigger schools around us look better and their teachers do not have to buy their own supplies, such as paper.

Our facilities are really horrible. Our football field has holes all in it, our track is just gravel and grass, and we don't even have a descent basketball court nor tennis court. Our school really needs repairs. I have included a list of needed repairs.

Our classes are too large for the students to get individual help that they need, so some drop out.

Also, some of our teachers leave to go to bigger schools to get a better pay and more benefits. Sanger High has a lack of aides to help teachers with large classes. A student's learning ability to succeed economically is impared by inadequate educational opportunities and responcibilities.

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Thank you
LaDell Gresham
LaDell Gresham
Sanger High Senior

Statement of Amicus Curiae, Kelly Pirtle

I am vitally concerned about public education in Texas and about the failure of the Legislature and Governor to support an equitable method for the distribution of state funds in Texas.

In Sanger, one example is that, just since I have been in high school, the teacher's salaries have been cut all four years. We only have one school that is in good condition and our facilities and equipment are lacking in every way imaginable.

The students of Sanger, or any other small town, deserve a better chance. The way it is now, the teachers do not feel well about themselves and they pass that feeling on to students. The only time we have adequate facilities is when we visit other schools to compete.

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Thank you,
Kelly Pickle
Kelly Pickle
Student

Statement of Amicus Curiae, Case Sider

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A student's ability to succeed economically is impaired by inadequate educational opportunities. The young people in our community both want and deserve equal educational opportunities.

I urge you to both [illegible] Edgewood vs. Kirby and [illegible] in favor of the [illegible] property value per [illegible] schools in the state of Texas.

I authorize [illegible] selected by

the Equity Center to
incorporate this
Statement into an amicus
brief on my behalf
supporting Petitioners
and Petitioner-Intervenors
in the Hogwood case.

Sincerely,

Cable Snider

Jim Williamson

Statement of Amicus Curiae

Our schools have never had adequate funds for buildings, equipment, supplies, personnel, weightroom flooding, yet our school has for years had the second highest tax rate in Denton County.

A student's ability to succeed economically is inpaired by inadequate educational opportunity. The young people in our community both want and deserve equal educational opportunities.

I urge you to both hear Edgewood v. Kirby and to rule in favor of the low property value per student schools in the state of Texas.

I authorize an attorney selected by the Equity Center to incorporate this statement in an amicus brief on my behalf supporting Petitioners and Petitioner-Intervenors in the Edgewood case

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Sincerely,

Jim Williamson

Statement of Amicus Curiae, Greg Kean.

Our Schools have never had adequate funds for ~~bad~~ buildings, equipment supplies, personnel, the weight room leaks, no soap in the bathroom, the Gym never gets sweept, not anough lockers in our Gym, and are library is to small, yet, our school has for years had the second highest tax rate in Denton County. A student ability to succeed economically is impaired by inadequate educational ~~o~~ opportunities. I urge you to bath hear Edgewood is Kirby and to rule in force of the low property value per student schools in the state of Texas. I authorise an attorney selected by the Equity Center to incorporate

this statement in an amicus brief on my behalf supporting petitioners and petitioners interviews in the Edgewood case

Sincerely
Greg Kearn

Statement of Amicus Curiae
Michelle Merck

Our schools have never had adequate funds for buildings, equipment, supplies, personnel, we have been on a paper shortage, etc... Yet, our school has for years had the second highest tax rate in Denton County.

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I urge you to both hear Edgewood v. Kirby and to rule in favor of the low property value per student

in the schools in the State of Texas.

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Sincerely,

Michelle Merck

Statement of Amicus Curiae, Emy Watson

I am vitally concerned about public education in Texas and about the failure of the legislature and Governor to support an equitable method for the distribution of state funds in Texas.

I feel our schools cannot compete on equal terms with students under schools have greater financial resources. Also, our students ability to succeed economically is impaired by inadequate educational opportunities.

For example our schools have limited specialized personnel, such as counselors. We have only two counselors for all four schools: Sanger Elementary, Intermediate, Middle and high school. I feel like this problem is depriving many students from help they need and deserve.

Another major problem we are experiencing is the fact that most of our facilities such as desks, roofs, and flooring needs repair or to

be replaced. It is also a shame that portable buildings have to be placed outdoors in order for all students to be able to have a classroom. The last complaint I must stress is the fact that there is a major paper shortage. It is ridiculous for our teachers to have to furnish their students paper, while bigger schools do not even use all of their budget money.

More money is need now — further delays will do irreparable damage.

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Thank you,
Emy Watson

Emy Watson
Sanger High School Student

Statement of amicus Curiae
Michelle Humphrie

as a senior at Sanger High School, I feel obligated to write to you about the recent problem of state funds for education. Our school has very little money to have a full time counselor. Our counselor has to split her time between four schools. It makes it ~~[illegible]~~ nearly impossible to get all our stuff together to go to college. The schools in Sanger are pathetic. We have to use portables for some of our class rooms. Our desks fall apart when we sit in them. ~~[illegible]~~ It is sad that we can not get a quality educatio because of the States lack of concern for small scho

I authorize an attorney

to incorporate this statement in an amicus brief supporting Petitioners Intervenors in the Edgewood case

Thank you

Michelle Humphries

Michelle Humphries
student

Statement of Amicus Curiae,
Melynda Bittiem

I am vitally concerned about public education in Texas and about the failure of the Legislature and Government to support an equitable method for the distribution of ~~S~~ state funds in Texas.

First of all we do not have enough classrooms so we have portable build, which are not very safe. We do not have ample funds for the maintenance and repair for things such as: lights, ceiling tile that are broken due to a leaky roof, lockers that are broken, etc... These ~~things~~ are just a few of the things that we desperately need to get repaired. We just don't have the tax money to get these things dissolved.

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amicus brief on my behalf supporting Petitioners and Petitioner-intervenors in the Edgewood case.

Thank You,
Melynda Brittian
Student

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I am vitally concerned about public education in Texas and about the failure of the Legislature & Governor to support an equitable method for distribution of State funds.

I am a Senior at Sanger High, and I've lived in Sanger all my life so I should no [illegible] of Sanger Schools. The Sanger School Buildings is entirely too small to handle the [illegible] of the students. We are now [illegible] buildings because we haven't the [illegible] buildings is falling apart, it looks [illegible] and shows old [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] equiped for classroom activities.

Our schools also do not not have the funds to keep up with Extra-Activities, whether [illegible] be sport related activities or classroom activities such as U.I.L. How can we expect to keep up with other schools & their activities when we do not have the funds to do so. So [illegible] we need more funds to [illegible] SISD get [illegible] able to have good [illegible]

neighboring schools

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Sincerely

[signature]

Statement of Amicus Curioe, Randy Reynolds.

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Sincerely,

Randy Reynolds
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Statement of Amicus Curiae
Kelly Fry

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behalf supporting Petitioners and Petitioner Interviews in the Edgewood case.

Sincerely,

Kelly Fry

Statement of Amicus Curiae,
Kathy Wade

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Petitioners and Petitioner-Intervenors in the Edgewood case.

Sincerely,

Kathy Wade

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Amicus Brief in Support of Petitioners' and Petitioner-Intervenors' Applications for Writ of Error has been sent on this 27th day of June, 1989, by United States Mail, postage prepaid to all counsel of record.

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