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       DECLARATION OF SAMUEL THARPE IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT STATE OF
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ISCLARATION OF SAMUEL THARPE IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION

I, Samuel Tharpe, say:

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1. I am the principal of Yorba Elementary School in Pomona Unified School District. I have been principal of Yorba Elementary for thirteen years. I have extensive knowledge of the students, teachers, and facilities at Yorba Elementary, and am familiar with the curriculum and instructional materials provided to Yorba Elementary students. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration, and if called as a witness I would and could testify competently thereto.

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2. I am familiar with Yorba Elementary's 2000 II/USP Action Plan. I was involved in preparing and drafting this Action Plan which was done in connection with our participation in the Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program.

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3. I am generally familiar with the <u>Williams</u> lawsuit. I am awars that plaintiffs have cited an expert report in their motion for summary adjudication which references Yorba Elementary School. Specifically, plaintiff's expert report quotes pages 2-3 of Yorba Elementary's Action Plan which states that "{t}eaching and learning are greatly hindered by a shortage of materials and supplies from textbooks, supplementals, computer paper, etc. . . With a shortage of texts and supplementals, teachers have to make copies. They are restricted to 1000 copies per month." The statements on these pages were not my statements, but the

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statements made by an external evaluator that worked with Yorba Elementary as part of the II/USP process.

- 4. Contrary to the external evaluator's statements, Yorba Elementary did not lack textbooks at anytime while I have been principal. The students at Yorba Elementary each have their own copy of a State-adopted textbook to use in class and to take home in every core subject.
- drafted, Yorba Elementary did lack supplemental instructional materials for its students. However, in the fall of 2000, Yorba Elementary received SPIX funds from the district to address this shortage of materials. With these funds, Yorba Elementary purchased needed supplemental instructional materials such as computers for classrooms, instructional software, books for classroom libraries and to upgrade the main library, reading kits, math manipulatives and homework notebooks. The school also purchased three new copy machines. These purchases resolved the need for supplemental instructional materials and supplies identified in the Action plan.
- 6. As stated in the Action Plan, Yorba teachers are limited to approximately 1,000 copies per month equaling approximately 10,000 copies per year. These copies are usually more than sufficient to meet the needs of the teachers. To the extent a teacher needs more copies than is allotted to them, I obtain

copies for them through the Los Angeles County Fair, who is our corporate sponsor and provides copies for us upon request. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this ___ day of August, 2003 at Pomona, California. Э Samuel Tharpe -3 LA2:68:067.1