I, DEVONNA BARNARD, hereby declare:

1. I am the parent of Christopher and Jacolyn Barnard, both of whom are plaintiffs in this action. 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. My son Christopher is ten years old and will go into fifth grade in the fall at Berry Creek Elementary School, in Berry Creek. My daughter Jacolyn is seven years old and will go into second grade in the fall at Berry Creek. Both my children attended Berry Creek last year.
- 3. My children cannot bring books home for homework. Instead, they bring home photocopied sheets of paper. I believe it would be better for them to have books at home.
- 4. Other parents have told me that the middle school classes at Berry Creek (which is a K-8 school) don't even have enough textbooks for each of the kids to use a book in class without sharing. I worry that when my children get to middle school, which is only another year away for Christopher, then my children won't have the textbooks they need.
- 5. My understanding is that the school district is supposed to have public hearings on textbooks to see if there are enough textbooks for the children in school. Our district hasn't held the hearings but instead has gone through on waivers. I believe that if the district held the public hearings on textbooks then we would know how many textbooks are missing and also the district would have to do something about the problem. I am extremely upset that the district has not held the public hearings.
- 6. Teachers at Berry Creek complain all the time that they have to buy supplies. I know they buy such supplies as pencils, books, and materials for kids' art projects. I think the teachers should be able to be reimbursed when they purchase these materials for their classes.
- 7. Last year, during the 1999-2000 school year, the PTA paid half the cost for atlases for the Berry Creek seventh graders because the school wouldn't pay for the atlases without assistance from the PTA. I think the school should buy basic instructional supplies without relying on the PTA.
  - 8. The school made it mandatory for the kids in the middle school classes to buy a

 planner the school put together. Each child in middle school had to pay \$2 for this planner, which was a notebook with the school's name on it and with materials the school required kids to have inside. Two dollars may not seem like a big deal, but what if someone didn't have \$2 to spare? Then what would the student do, given that the school required each student to buy the planner?

- I don't understand why, if the school is short on textbooks and instructional materials, the district is out buying more property to accommodate preschool kids. The district should concentrate on the kids who are required to go to school and make sure that those kids have all the materials they need. Berry Creek is the lowest performing school academically in our county, and we need to be sure that our kids have the materials they need so we can turn that performance statistic around.
- The school has two bathrooms for girls and two bathrooms for boys, and there are 172 kids attending the school. Each of the bathrooms has three stalls. Three combined K-2 classes, each with 20 to 25 students, and one combined third through fifth grade class, with 30 students, share the one girls' bathrooms and one boys' bathrooms in the inside of the building. The Kindergarteners do not have their own bathroom. Also, a lot of times the bathrooms have no toilet paper and no paper towels.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 18, 2000 at Berry Creek, California.

Llevonna Barnard
Devonna Barnard