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**Declaration of Judy Chow**

I. Judy Chow, hereby declare:

1. I am a technology curriculum integration specialist in the computer lab at the Bryant Elementary School ("Bryant School") in the San Francisco Unified School District ("S.F. Unified"). I make this declaration based upon my own personal knowledge and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.

2. I am in my second year at Bryant School, which is located at 1050 York Street in the Mission area of San Francisco. I teach the computer lab classes for all grade levels at Bryant School.

3. The lack of climate control in my classroom, the computer lab, and other rooms in the school often impedes effective teaching.

4. Throughout the school year, in warm weather, the air conditioning system frequently does not work and the heating system periodically turns on for no apparent reason. At these times, the computer lab is unbearably warm. It is impossible to bring the temperature of the computer lab down to a comfortable level because the classroom windows are unsteady and will not stay open and the window shades are broken. On March 31, 2000, the temperatures in the computer lab rose to 92 degrees.

5. When it is that hot, I find it very difficult to keep my students focused on their work. My students become very sluggish and have difficulty paying attention. They complain about the heat, and frequently request permission to get up for water. Some of the students visibly sweat.

6. When the air conditioning in the school is working, the temperature in the computer lab is comfortable. However, the classrooms on the opposite side of the building become intolerably cold. In fact, many of the students wear their coats throughout the school day. Again, the temperature is so uncomfortable that the students cannot concentrate on their work.

7. Throughout the 1998-99 school year, teachers often complained to the principal about the unreasonable classroom temperatures. Climate control engineers visited the school on several occasions but could not identify let alone fix the problem. Thus, we no longer use the air conditioning at Bryant School.

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8. Furthermore, Bryant School (and presumably the entire San Francisco Unified School District) lacks the requisite technical support for the computer lab. It is my understanding that S.F. Unified only employs three or four technical site advisors to service the entire District.

9. Each time I requested technical assistance from S.F. Unified, the response time was unacceptable. Days would pass without any action making it very difficult to teach my computer classes. For example, sometimes the programs would crash, site support was unavailable, and I would, thus, be forced to change the lesson plan for the day.

10. Consequently, Bryant School chose to use a portion of its budget to hire a computer consultant. We no longer rely upon the site support of S.F. Unified in any respect.

11. Many of my students are very hard-working and have an appetite for learning. It is truly unfortunate that the students are forced to attend school in an environment that at times does not support their learning.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at San Francisco, California, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2000.

  
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Judy Chow