

Boys' school classes resume after murder

Classes have resumed at the El Paso de Robles School for Boys in Paso Robles a month after the murder-rape of a teacher at the California Youth Authority facility.

School Supt. Ron Lopez said today that the length of the investigation and the expected arrival of 100 additional wards at the facility prompted his decision to resume classes.

He said the Sheriff's Department, which is still investigating the slaying of Marie Romero of San Luis Obispo, has agreed to allow the move, but insisted on more "secured movement" of inmates until the case is cleared.

Lopez said his decision was also based on a new program scheduled to begin this month.

He said with the additional inmates expected to arrive, a new intensified "cluster education course," will be instituted later this month.

He said the course will teach

remedial basics to junior college level students.

Lopez said a threatened strike by teachers never materialized.

Lopez said his teachers "have been nothing short of fantastic in cooperating during the past month" and said they seemed anxious to return to the classrooms.

Meanwhile four inmates suspected of the killing have been isolated from the remainder of the nearly 320 youths confined at the facility.

Sheriff's detective John Hastie and district attorney investigator Dick Mansfield were en route this morning to Los Angeles today to confer with Los Angeles County chief medical examiner and coroner Dr. Thomas Noguchi.

Noguchi was called in to aid local investigators in obtaining physical evidence in the case.