



# Monterey County Office of Education

*Leadership, Support, and Service to Prepare All Students for Success*

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*Dr. Deneen Guss  
County Superintendent of School*

Hello and welcome to the 2020-2021 school year,

My name is Alicia Faranato and I am excited to be the principal for the Life Skills and Functional Academics programs located at Arthur B. Ingham, Ruth Andresen and San Benancio schools. This is my second year of being the principal at these school sites and I look forward to an exciting, albeit a different school year. This is my 20th year in education, specifically special education. The first 16 years were spent as a special education teacher, in Monterey County and in San Diego County while these last 4 years have been in administration here in the County of Monterey. My educational background includes a Multiple Subject credential, an Educational Specialist credential, an Administrative Services credential, and a Master of Science in Educational Administration.

Our programs offer an academic setting for students from the age of 3 years old to age 22 years old. Arthur B. Ingham services students from Preschool through the Adult Transition Program. Ruth Andresen offers classes ranging from Kindergarten through 5th grade. Our class located on the San Benancio Middle School campus offers a program for students in 6th to 8th grades. Our teachers are utilizing the M.O.V.E (Mobility Opportunities via Education) International initiative with many of our students requiring therapy due to their severe orthopedic impairments. We also utilize the TeachTown curriculum, assistive technology, adaptive equipment and due to the current situation, Google Classrooms and Zoom virtual instruction delivery models.

Please feel free to contact me whenever needed to discuss your student or their education. I look forward to another great school year and seeing everyone as our schools re-open, and in the meantime via our virtual learning activities.

Sincerely,

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