



Monterey County Office of Education

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

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WELCOME TO THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Hello, my name is Elizabeth “Beth” Arabia and I am honored to be the principal of the Therapeutic Intervention Programs (TIP) located at Bolsa Knolls Middle School and La Joya, along with two middle school autism classes at Bolsa Knolls Middle School. Prior to my assignment at Bolsa Knolls, I was the principal at ABI School, and the Life Skills Programs at Ruth Andresen and San Benancio Middle School. I have been working in education as a school psychologist and administrator in special education for 25 years. I have a Masters in Counseling, and credential in School Psychology and School Administration. My career as a school psychologist started in the Sacramento region in a small district, where I eventually served as their Director of Special Education. I then had the opportunity to be a principal in special education for the Sacramento County Office of Education for five years. I moved to the Monterey Bay area in 2014 and have had the opportunity to work both as a school psychologist and administrator in special education.

As Principal of these programs in Monterey County Office of Education, I feel fortunate to understand how important all team members are in our student’s ability to thrive in their school community. While I was at ABI, with the support of the administrative team at MCOE, I was able to introduce MOVE International (Mobility Opportunities Via Education), to the staff at ABI through a training opportunity. This was a positive experience for all those trained and our staff is embracing the opportunities for additional training. I am enjoying my new assignment in TIP, as it truly is a whole team collaborative with many specialists at MCOE along with our therapists at Monterey County Behavioral Health (MCBH). We have weekly collaborative meetings with our team from MCBH in order to ensure the best quality education and mental opportunities for our students.

I truly enjoy my position of principal at MCOE and feel fortunate to work with the families and students of Monterey County. I am looking forward to another positive and successful school year. Please know my door is open and I welcome your input. I can be reached at (707) 301-6495 or email me at ekrickeberg@montereycoe.org.