



Monterey County Office of Education

Dr. Nancy Kotowski
County Superintendent of Schools

Welcome! My name is Elizabeth Swain, and I am excited to welcome you and your child to our Deaf/Hard of Hearing, or Functional Academic/Life Skills or ASD Programs. We offer classes covering pre-school through high school in our D/HH Program, kindergarten through sixth grade in our Functional Academic/Life Skills Program, and first through third grade in our ASD class. Students that require D/HH services within their home school receive those supports through our D/HH of Itinerant program.

We are pleased to have had the chance to add to our staff family this year. Mia Grottola and Cathleen Squier, both Educational Interpreters, as well as Martha Galvan, Instructional Paraprofessional 1:1, have joined us to support our D/HH students at Toro School for the Deaf. At our Spreckels D/HH class, Ms. Amy Fox has joined us to provide Educational Interpreting services. Ms. Maria Tafoya, Instructional Paraprofessional 1:1, is also new to our Toro School ASD class. Our D/HH Itinerant group now includes teachers Julie Fluke and Jaquelynn Fitzpatrick. I would like to say welcome to all of these wonderful additions to our staff and thank you to all of our returning staff who continue to support all of our students with their expertise and experience.

Although I have spent many years in Salinas as an educator in the general education and special education fields, this is my fourth year working as a principal for the Monterey County Office of Education. I look forward to working with our staff and you to ensure that your child makes academic progress. Please feel free to contact me at my Toro School for the Deaf office, (831) 484-9897.