As a principal for the Monterey County Office of Education, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great year in the autism classrooms at Ruth Andresen, Fremont, Boronda Meadows, and Bolsa Knolls. It is exciting to have students back in the classrooms and making progress. It is the mission of MCOE teachers and staff to help every student, as well as parents, feel welcomed and part of the classroom family. Additionally, we strive to challenge each student to grow academically, behaviorally, and socially.

We not only want our students to grow, but the academic teams in each classroom to grow as well. School site staff are working to become not just good, but great teachers and para-professionals. Teams are learning more about research-based best practices, how to collect data and then analyze that data, to help set individual student’s goals and determine growth. Teachers are also participating in a year of training which focuses on teachers as leaders in the classroom.

I hope that students and their families have had a good start to the 2018-2019 school year. It is a privilege to be part of a community where parents, teachers, and staff strive to build positive relationships that support students to make growth in areas of need. Due to these efforts, I am proud to say that several students have made significant growth and were able to return to a less restrictive environment for special education services, their district of residence.

Once again, welcome back! I look forward to meeting with parents new to the schools I serve, and renewing the great working relationships that have already been created. Please feel free to contact me at 831.443.2032 or at Feastman@montereycoe.org.

Respectfully,
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