

Special Education

Newsletter

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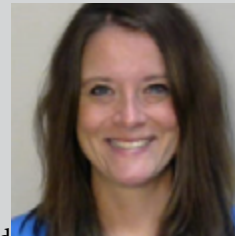


Welcome Letter

From Your New Executive Director of Special Education

Dear Parents,

I would like to take a moment and introduce myself as the new Executive Director of Special Education for SVVSD and welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year. I was born and raised in a northwest suburb of Chicago and relocated from Chicago to Colorado 2 years ago to be with my husband. This spring, we received wonderful news that we will be welcoming our first child in late December. We are excited to embark on this next journey of becoming parents.



While in Chicago, I served as the Divisional Director of Special Education in Oak Park, IL. Prior to that, I worked as a District Coordinator for Special Education Services for Township High School District 214. While I miss my family, I am fortunate to call Colorado home and am grateful that my journey in working with families and students in special education has led me to St. Vrain Valley School District.

I would like to personally invite you to our first Parent meeting. It will take place on Wednesday, September 28th, located at the SVVSD Student Services Building 830 S. Lincoln Street, Longmont, CO 80501 from 6-7:30pm. During this meeting we will be asking for future planning ideas as well as sharing the overview of the SVVSD Special Education/Student Services Department. Should you have any questions, please reach out to myself or any of the Area Coordinators below.

We look forward to meeting and working with your family!

Sincerely,

Laura Hess

Executive Director of Special Education

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION:
EXCELLENCE
BY DESIGN**

Students with disabilities will have reasonably calculated academic growth, guided by defensible, student centered IEPs that are developed from individual student data and collaboratively created with all stakeholders who have developed meaningful, trusting relationships focused on the student.

MEET YOUR SPECIAL EDUCATION AREA COORDINATORS

Erica Bowman



My name is Erica Bowman. I began my career in education as a special ed teacher in San Antonio, TX. While I didn't start in St Vrain, I got here as quickly as I could!

Since joining SVVSD in 1998, I have been a special ed teacher, elementary principal and district special education administrator. I have worked in Student Services now for 8 years. I serve the Skyline and

Silver Creek feeders.

My goals are to provide collaborative support and guidance to teams as they engage in this complex and exciting world of special education and to assist teams in making data driven decisions for quality student programming.

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SCHOOLS

Skyline Feeder:

Alpine
Fall River
Columbine
Rocky Mountain
Timberline K-8
Trail Ridge MS
Skyline HS

Silver Creek Feeder:

Blue Mountain
Eagle Crest
Altona MS
Silver Creek HS

Longmont Estates

SCHOOLS

Erie Feeder:

Erie
Erie MS
Erie HS
Black Rock
Red Hawk

Charter Schools:

Imagine Charter
Aspen Ridge
Twin Peaks Academy
Flagstaff Academy
CVA
SVC Montessori

Other Programs:

LSACE
SVOGA
Olde Columbine

Laura Gold

I am in my second year in the St. Vrain School District. I recently came from the 27J Brighton School District where I was an assistant principal and teacher in both special education and general education. I have two sons who are very busy and we enjoy many family outings together. I love the Erie area and get to spend my time in different areas of the district with the variety of charter school options we offer.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

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Kate Rodríguez



I am beginning my 3rd year in St Vrain. Prior to that I worked as an autism specialist and classroom special education teacher. I have been in Colorado for 6 years and enjoy all that beautiful Colorado has to offer. I have two young sons that keep me busy outside of work. I feel privileged to work with outstanding schools, teachers, students, and families in St. Vrain.

I am continually impressed by the collaboration and dedication to serving students. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

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SCHOOLS

Mead Feeder:

Mead
Mead MS
Mead HS

Frederick Feeder:

Legacy
Centennial
Prairie Ridge
Thunder Valley K-8
Coal Ridge MS
Frederick HS
Spark! Preschool

Lyons Feeder:

Lyons
Lyons MS/HS

SCHOOLS

Main Street
School

Heidi Weekley

I am honored to be starting my third full school year as the leader of Main Street School. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Denver, a Master's Degree in Counseling from the University of Phoenix, and completed coursework for my Director of Special Education Licensure at the University of Northern Colorado.

I have worked in public schools, residential and day treatment for a total of 17 years. Prior to my role at Main Street School, I was the SVVSD truancy program coordinator. I am driven by the art of revealing to students the strengths they possess, and I especially love when students begin to demonstrate this same act with their peers.

I am from the windy city of Chicago, IL. After my college experience at the University of Denver, I knew Colorado was my new home. I am married and have two teenage children who make me incredibly proud every day.

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We are in the process of hiring a new Administrative Coordinator to replace Kelly Balderston. In the meantime, Laura Hess will be covering the following schools:

Longmont Feeder (Northridge, Hygiene, Sanborn, Central, Mountain View, Longs Peak MS, Westview MS, Longmont HS)

Niwot Feeder (Niwot ES, Indian Peaks, Burlington, Sunset MS, Niwot HS)

Please contact Laura Hess with questions:

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Special Education Parent Meeting



***Join us for our Parent Kick Off Meeting
Wednesday, September 28 from 6-7:30pm
at Student Services (830 S. Lincoln St., Longmont)***

RSVP

Please click [HERE](#) to RSVP for the Parent Kick Off Meeting.

(If you have trouble viewing or submitting the form, copy and paste the following link in your web browser:)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtkdNDqC-OHB1TwbUmUqEtxt4HPiISY7SuUxuAdn-QaMzIFN1Q/viewform?usp=send_form

* *Sorry, childcare will not be provided during the meeting.*