Biography

Denise Porterfield comes to Contra Costa County Office of Education with 29 years of experience in providing business services for education. She has served in both school districts and in county offices of education and understands the complexity involved in business practices.

Denise Porterfield grew up in Contra Costa County and recently moved back after serving 11 years as the Deputy Superintendent in a neighboring county where she provided guidance and expertise to school districts and county office programs. She believes that students and staff should have all the resources they need and that educational funding can support.

Ms. Porterfield has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Saint Mary's College, is a graduate of the FCMAT/CASBO CBO Mentor program and has her certification E as a Chief Business Official (CBO) from CASBO. She believes in lifelong learning and serves as a mentor for candidates in the CBO Mentor Program.

As the Business and Administration Steering Committee chair, Ms. Porterfield worked closely with state and local representatives on issues affecting students and educational funding. She continues to serve of a number of committees, such as the Common Message, to provide guidance and advice to the educational field.

Ms. Porterfield enjoys raising cows, chickens and her hobby vineyard. When not working her small farm, she enjoys travel, reading and crafts.

As the Deputy Superintendent, Business and Administrative Service, Denise will provide leadership in Business, General Services, Technology and District Fiscal Oversite for the school districts in Contra Costa.