# KEY - The Place to Be! Come join our team!

Key MS, in Fairfax County Public Schools, wants to welcome you to our amazing team! We are located in Springfield, VA near I-95, I-395, Alexandria, Arlington, and Washington, DC! Here's what makes us great:

**Amazing Students:** We are the smallest middle school in Fairfax County Public Schools! We only have 800 students in 7th and 8th grade! Our demographics make our school so special: 45% Hispanic, 20% Asian, 17% White, 15% Black, 3% Other. 61% of our students receive Free or Reduced Lunch Prices.

**Phenomenal Staff:** Our staff is incredible. We have 1st year teachers, veteran teachers, and teachers who say they will never leave Key MS because it's filled with such dedicated and committed professionals! We thrive off the culture of collaboration among our staff in our professional learning community! We collaborate so that our students benefit and because we all deserve thinking partners!

**Wonderful Families:** Families trust and support us. Our PTA is always looking for fun ways to help! This year they hosted our first ever Fall Festival which was a huge hit! We offer parent coffees, evening events, and parent programming to build the home-school connection. We love having families in the building for special events such as: Locker Night, Back to School Night, SCA dances, the Reading Rally, Spelling Bee, Cultural Heritage Night, the school play, music concerts, the Pyramid Art and Literacy night, and more!

**High-Quality Professional Development:** Our formal and informal PD is high quality and research-based. We focus on instructional-best practices such as equity, writing, reading comprehension, leveraging technology to accelerate learning, and ways to scaffold and differentiate instruction and assessment so ALL students can show mastery learning and individual student growth! Pineapple Visits allow us to welcome others to our rooms every day - we sign up for lessons and techniques we want to show - and then all are welcome to come visit to learn from one another!

**21st Century Learning:** We are preparing students with the skills and dispositions they need in order to be successful in today's world and the future! We do this through our IBMYP (International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program) lessons/assessments and as we promote personalized learning and inquiry!

**Robust Electives Program:** STEM, Computers in Art, Coding, 3D Art Exploration, Drama, Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Family and Consumer Sciences, Spanish, Spanish for Fluent Speakers help students learn more about their strengths and interests!

**Student Activities/After School Programs:** Our Patriot Pride Afterschool Program runs 5 days a week with late busses Monday - Thursday! Students get a "super snack" then get to choose from a variety of clubs, activities, and special events! We are proud of our 21st Century Schools grant which allows us to partner with various community groups for afterschool clubs and evening family classes: Step Afrika, Arena Stage, I Can Dance for students with special needs, and Family Cooking/Parenting groups!

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