Dear Claremont and Key Immersion School Communities,

Arlington Public Schools is currently in the process of planning for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. We are asking Key families and families in the Ashlawn planning units reassigned to Key to indicate their plans for 2021-22. Below are also some important operational updates impacting Key and Claremont.

All Key families with students in PreK-Grade 4 were mailed an intent to return letter and form this week to indicate if their student will remain at Key for the 2021-22 school year. Please complete the form by March 26.

An intent-to-return letter and form was mailed to all students in grades PreK-4 currently attending Key Immersion due to the upcoming move and feedback that some families may decide not to transition to the new location. The completed forms should be submitted to *APSimmersionforms@apsva.us* or dropped off at the main office at Key Immersion. If you have any questions about the intent-to-return form, contact engage@apsva.us.

Claremont families who live in the boundary for Ashlawn and have students in PreK-Grade 4, were mailed a grandfathering/transfer letter and form this week to indicate if their students will attend Key or remain at Claremont for the 2021-22 school year. Please complete the form by March 26.

Completed forms should be submitted to *APSimmersionforms@apsva.us* or the main office at Claremont Immersion. If you have any questions about the grandfathering/transfer form, contact engage@apsva.us.

Operational Updates & Reminders

School Move
- Key Immersion is moving to the Arlington Traditional School (ATS) school site at 855 N. Edison Street at the start of the 2021-22 school year.

School Start Time
In January, APS staff provided information about the Dual Language Immersion visioning process as well as some operational changes that would take effect in 2021-22. One change was to align the start times for Claremont and Key to make it easier for teachers to collaborate across schools and share professional learning opportunities. This collaboration will help further strengthen the program and aid in the implementation of the vision that is developed during the visioning process.
- **School will begin at 9 a.m. for both Key and Claremont at the start of the 2021-22 school year. The school day will end at 3:41 p.m.** The aligned start time was determined based on what was operationally feasible for bus transportation to both schools.

Transportation Hub Stops
- Hub stops generally remain in the same location from year to year but may change depending upon the location of students on a bus route.
- One change for 2021-22 school year is that an existing Key Immersion hub stop will be located near Woodbury Park.
- Any additional changes to hub stops will be communicated directly to families over the summer by Transportation Services.

PreK

As a reminder, students in the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) program are guaranteed admission in the option school they are currently attending, but still must submit an application through the School Mint online application portal for the kindergarten Immersion program.

Sibling Preference

Siblings of students in the Dual Language Immersion program who are entering APS for the 2021-22 school year have sibling preference in the lottery at the immersion school that the older sibling concurrently attends, regardless of whether their older sibling attends the assigned feeder school or a school that is outside of their feeder zone. However, families can only apply to one immersion school for their incoming student, either the immersion school the older sibling is attending, or the immersion school assigned for their attendance zone, but they cannot apply to both schools. Rising Kindergarten students without older siblings currently in the Immersion program must attend their assigned feeder Immersion school.

For more information, visit the APS Engage Immersion Visioning web page. Please send any questions and comments you have to engage@apsva.us.