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Dear parents and guardians:

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the newly appointed Principal of Francis Scott Key Elementary for the 2013-2014 school year. I possess over fifteen years of educational experience spanning grades K-12 with much of my career focusing on bilingual and ESOL education along with early childhood development. My most recent administrative experience has been shaped by three years of leadership as the principal of Morrison Elementary, a K-8 school in North Philly. Prior to serving as a principal in Philadelphia, I worked in the Multilingual Department for the School District's central office after having spent 11 years in the education system in the state of Texas. I am elated to bring my skills as an educational leader to your son/daughter's school and to work with you as a partner in education to ensure your child's success.

Along with our staff, I will work hard to continue the legacy of success established at Key by building a strong relationship with parents, students, staff and community partners. We will focus on character education initiatives, 21st Century skills, fostering a safe and nurturing environment for children, using data to inform instruction, consistent implementation of effective instructional strategies to support the achievement of the Common Core State Standards, and providing exciting and challenging enrichment opportunities for all students.

I anticipate a successful year as my team and I support the academic, social and emotional growth of your child here at Francis Scott Key Elementary School.

During the course of the year, it is my hope that we will work together to provide the students of Key the best possible opportunities in preparing them to be world-class citizens ready to master the challenges of the 21st Century with a solid foundation created here at our school. As Principal, my door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to stop in or call to make an appointment to discuss any concerns, suggestions or ideas to help make this the best year yet!

As a reminder, the first day of school for students in grades 1-6 is Monday, September 9, 2013. The first day for Kindergarten students is Monday, September 16, 2013. I look forward to working with you and your child.

In partnership,

Ms. Stephanie Stover