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Vicenza Middle School Italian I students recently visited the Francesco Maffei Scuola Media in downtown Vicenza. Their visit highlights the expanding partnership and cultural exchange program between the Pumas of VMS and the host nation Italian students of Maffei Scuola Media. The exchange began last year with a visit to VMS by 25 students from Maffei; this year there was a combined total of six visits—Maffei visited VMS on three occasions and the Pumas went to Maffei on three other occasions. During each visit the students take a tour of the respective school grounds, visit classrooms, and participate in a variety of activities. Each American student is paired with an Italian student for every visit, and they follow their respective partners to their classes for successive periods. It is a wonderful opportunity for our Pumas to experience and learn what it truly means to be a “global citizen”.