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Far Hills Country Day School Student Selected as Member of Junior Regions Central Jersey String Orchestra

Far Hills, NJ – Helen Xie, an eighth grade student and violinist at Far Hills Country Day School (Far Hills) has been selected by a panel of judges to be a member of the Junior Regions Central Jersey String Orchestra for 2017. She will perform live at the Orchestra's concert on March 4, 2017.

Daughter of Lisa Jiao and Feng Xie of Bridgewater, NJ, Helen is involved at Far Hills as a member of the tennis and basketball teams, Far Hills Philharmonic, and is participating in the Far Hills Upper School Musical. In addition to playing the violin, she is an accomplished pianist.

"I am proud that Helen will represent Far Hills Country Day School for the second year in a row as a member of the Central Jersey Junior Regions Orchestra," said Amy Burns, Director of the Far Hills Conservatory. "The auditions for the Orchestra require determination, practice, and perseverance. Helen emulates all three of these qualities. In addition, she demonstrates our school's five pillars of leadership, kindness, respect, honesty, and responsibility each time she works diligently for her auditions, rehearsals, and concerts."

Helen was chosen as one of 75 violinists from a highly competitive and talented pool of 160 student hopefuls. The Junior Regions Central Jersey String Orchestra is part of the Central Jersey Music Educators Association.

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Far Hills is a PreK-grade eight private school in New Jersey that teaches students *how* to learn, not what to learn, through an innovative curriculum emphasizing personalization, differentiation, and individualization in instruction. Through solid academics plus life skills, Far Hills graduates lifelong learners who possess a can-do attitude that they carry into secondary school and life.

For additional information about the school, please visit our website at www.fhcds.org or contact Megan Collyer, Director of Strategic Marketing & Communications at mcollyer@fhcds.org or 908.766.0622 x1427.

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