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## **Far Hills Country Day School, First Private School in the Country to Achieve Exclusive Educational Neuroscience Status**

FAR HILLS, N.J. (Jan. 19, 2021)—Far Hills Country Day School (FH) is the first private Preschool-Grade 8 school in the United States to achieve Level 1 certification in Mind, Brain, and Education (MBE) Science through [Neuroteach Global](#), an interactive online program offered by the Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning (CTTL) at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, MD. Level 1 focuses on the learning environment. Core topics include embracing the role of teachers as “brain changers,” reimagining classroom design and layout, and ensuring that classroom culture provides psychological and emotional safety for all learners.

For the past 4 years, Far Hills has partnered with the CTTL and committed to an intensive professional development track for all full-time faculty members—to understand how the student's brain learns and reimagine teaching strategies and practices in the classroom based on this research. The result is a transformative experience for both teacher and student.

"I loved the program because it was designed using the practices of meta-cognition, spaced-retrieval, feedback, and memory, so teachers are learning using the same research-based methods they practice in the classroom," said Georgia Zaiser, Head of School. "I am so proud of our dedicated faculty for always evolving their professional development to not only be leaders within our school and to our

students, but leaders in education to our peer schools as well. It was an honor to complete this certification along with them."

Actor and filmmaker Josh Radnor surprised the FH faculty with a [congratulatory video](#) noting the extraordinary challenges to reach this milestone during a pandemic. In addition, Glenn Whitman, Director of the CTTL, also shared a video message applauding the faculty on this amazing accomplishment.

"Far Hills Country Day School has been on a multi-year journey to elevate each teacher's understanding of the science of how the brain learns best. In the midst of the most complex year in the history of education, Far Hills teachers maintained their professional learning in Mind, Brain, and Education science by completing Neuroteach Global. I am so proud of this accomplishment and FH's commitment to knowing the most promising research and strategies in the science of learning to serve each of their individual students best," said Whitman. "Such an accomplishment is an important model for teachers and schools in New Jersey as well as across the United States."

Far Hills is pleased to share our MBE student success stories at an upcoming New Jersey Association of Independent Schools (NJ AIS) workshop for fellow educators. In a time of much uncertainty for educators, one constant remains: the organ of learning is the brain. Join the Far Hills Country Day School faculty, Glenn Whitman, Author and Director of the Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning, and other special guests to explore how research can inform your teaching in 2021 and beyond. Situated at the intersection of psychology, neuroscience, and education, the field of Mind, Brain, and Education (MBE) affirms many practices we already do each day and provides a framework for future lesson planning.

The NJ AIS conference is on January 26, 2021, from 1-4p.m. [Registration](#) is now open.

[Click here](#) to find all digital assets.

## **ABOUT FAR HILLS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL**

Far Hills Country Day School is a Far Hills, NJ-based co-educational Preschool-Grade 8 private school that is guided by a mission to provide each child brilliant beginnings for success in the modern world through academic excellence and character development. Easily accessible from major highways, Far Hills Country Day School's 54-acre campus includes woodlands, a pond, athletic fields, tennis courts, age-appropriate play areas including a gaga pit, and a Ropes Challenge Course. For more information, visit [fhcds.org](http://fhcds.org) or call 908-766-0622.

## **ABOUT THE CENTER FOR TRANSFORMATIVE TEACHING & LEARNING (CTTL)**

[The Center for Transformative Teaching & Learning](http://www.cttl.org) (CTTL) is the leading pre-collegiate, school-based research center in the United States designing and delivering Mind Brain Education (MBE) science research-informed professional development programming around the world. Founded in 2011, it serves teachers and school leaders in public, charter, international, and private schools, as well as Teach for America (DC Region). To support its work as an MBE translational hub, the CTTL has existing collaborations with faculty from Stanford University School of Education, the Science of Learning Institute at Johns Hopkins, the Department of Psychology and Brain Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis, and Harvard's Graduate School of Education. Through conferences, presentations, and professional development workshops, the CTTL has presented to, collaborated with, trained, and shared its resources with over 30,000 teachers and school leaders.

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