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## **Far Hills Country Day School Fifth-Grader Named to JDRF Children's Congress**

**Far Hills, NJ** – Far Hills Country Day School (Far Hills) student, Jack Morais, has been named as a delegate to the JDRF Children's Congress, representing New Jersey. The Congress will take place in Washington, DC from July 24–26, 2017, and will include meetings with the country's top lawmakers.

Delegates to the Congress range from ages four to seventeen, and represent all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The delegates in JDRF's Children's Congress will enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help Members of Congress understand what life with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) is like, and why research to fund life-changing therapies until a cure can be found is so critical.

"I am NOT a diabetic, I HAVE diabetes," says Jack, who wants to make one thing very clear: people with T1D are just like everyone else. Diagnosed just two years ago, Jack doesn't like talking about his T1D, but he has enthusiastically embraced the role of fundraiser for T1D research. He also coordinated a project between JDRF and Far Hills' Service Learning Day to help other students understand T1D better.

On Jack's appointment to the Congress, his classroom teacher Lindsay Heit said, "I am so proud of Jack for his hard work and his achievements. It is an honor for him to speak on behalf of all of the children in New Jersey who struggle with this disease while striving for normalcy. We are so proud to have Jack as a member of the Far Hills community."

Since 1999, nine successful Children's Congresses have been held, one every other year, and more than 1,000 kids with T1D have served as delegates. The JDRF Children's Congress has been essential to securing continued government funding of T1D research and in raising awareness of the daily burden of Americans living with this serious autoimmune disease. Delegates form lifelong friendships, meet T1D role models, develop leadership skills, and leave Children's Congress empowered to use their voices for the change that will improve their lives and the lives of all people affected by T1D.

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Far Hills Country Day School 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.

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