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Far Hills Country Day School

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Far Hills Names Daniel Sussman as the Next Director of the Lower School

Far Hills, NJ – Far Hills Country Day School (Far Hills) is pleased to announce that Daniel Sussman has been named the next Director of Lower School beginning July 1, 2019. Mr. Sussman is currently the Head of Lower School at The Lexington School in Lexington, Kentucky. Like Far Hills, The Lexington School is a Mission Skills School, which quantifies a school's success in building character in their classes.

Mr. Sussman understands the fabric of an independent family school and embodies the Far Hills mission. During his time as Head of the Lower School at The Lexington School, he has made it a priority to be in the classroom interacting with students, a practice he plans to continue at Far Hills. This year, he is co-teaching Creativity and Design Thinking classes to students in Grade 4 and an accelerated reading group in Grade 1. In previous years, he has taught Design Thinking classes to various grade levels. He has a particular interest in the benefits of that curriculum for students and has attended the Henry Ford Institute's Design Thinking for Educators Workshop in Detroit.

A former classroom teacher in Grades 2 and 4, Daniel purposefully moved from the classroom, knowing he could affect more young lives as he implemented a collaborative vision from an administrative position. He has served as a curriculum specialist and resource teacher in the past. He is a graduate of McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland. He received his master's in Educational Leadership/Instructional Design from Baltimore's College of Notre Dame.

Daniel grew up in Berkeley Heights and is excited to return home to New Jersey. He and his wife, Jori, are the parents of two boys, Levi and Andrew.

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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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