



## Lancaster Country Day School Announces Matthew Micciche as New Head of School

**For Release 10.20.2021** – October 20 – Lancaster Country Day School today announces Matthew Micciche as the new Head of School, effective July 1, 2022. Micciche will join the LCDS community following a sabbatical year during which he has taught at Johns Hopkins University and consulted with independent and public schools on governance, leadership, and management.

From 2005 through 2021 Micciche served as Head of School at the Friends School of Baltimore, a co-ed, preK-12 Quaker day school of 850 students. Prior to that, from 1995 through 2005, he served in a variety of roles at Wilmington Friends School, including teacher, coach, department chair, college counselor, Head of Upper School and Assistant Head of School for Academics.

“We thank Matt for his dedication to the search process and are thrilled he will be joining us,” says Gary Langmuir, President, LCDS Board of Trustees. “We are confident Matt is the best person to lead our special school into the future.”

“I’m grateful for the exciting opportunity to lead Lancaster Country Day School,” says Micciche. “The powerful sense of community, the extraordinary academic program, and the outstanding faculty and staff make this an amazing place for children to grow and learn. I’m eager to help this remarkable institution continue to thrive in the years ahead.”

“Throughout the search process, Matt impressed us with his depth of experience and philosophy of education as a transformational, rather than transactional, experience,” says Sandy Wege, co-chair of the LCDS Head of School Search Committee. “We look forward to welcoming him and his family to our community.”

“Matt is a great choice for our school for many reasons, one of which is that he is able to start working with our Board of Trustees and our staff before his official arrival, ensuring a seamless transition next summer,” says Lou Castelli, co-chair of the Head of School Search Committee. “For example, Matt will participate with the talented LCDS team in the strategic planning and self-study work taking place for our PAIS accreditation process.”

Among his many accomplishments, Micciche guided Friends School of Baltimore through two strategic plans, developed a partnership with the McKim Center in Baltimore to more closely integrate student activities with the city in which they are located and increased the diversity of the Friends staff, faculty and student body. At Wilmington Friends, Micciche introduced the International Baccalaureate program in the upper school and revamped professional development and the faculty evaluation system, school wide.

Micciche earned his BA at Amherst College. Two years later, he completed an MAT (Master of Arts in Teaching) degree at Tufts, and in 2004, he earned another MA degree at the Breadloaf School of English at Middlebury College. He has been to LCDS several times over the years and he and his family love the area. Micciche and his wife, Frances, are the parents to three boys, two of whom hope to attend LCDS.

**Lancaster Country Day School** is an independent, college-preparatory school that combines a rigorous curriculum with a supportive and encouraging faculty to ensure that every preschool-12th grade student receives the best education available. We are distinctive because of our demanding college preparatory education and the close, mentoring relationships our faculty has with students. We value community and encourage parents to participate in their child’s education.

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