



Anthony T. T. Jaccaci
Head of School

Dear Members of the CCDS Community:

On behalf of the Head of Lower School Search Committee, I am delighted to announce that Mark Morawski has been named Cincinnati Country Day School's next head of lower school effective July 1, 2020.

Mark's appointment is the culmination of a national and international search that was launched in January. The search committee began the process by reviewing dozens of resumes, from which 11 candidates were identified for Skype interview sessions. The candidate pool was further narrowed to three finalists who interviewed with the search committee and community members, including faculty, staff, students, administrators, parents, trustees, and alumni. Based on their collective input as well as my conversations with Mark, it was evident that he could ably lead our Lower School and advance its legacy for developing minds and building character.



The committee was impressed with Mark's collaborative leadership experience, his deep understanding of curriculum and assessment, his keen listening skills, his presumption of positive intent, and his highly contagious energy and enthusiasm. Mark is a passionate educator who finds joy in watching young students discover who they are and how they can make a positive difference in the world. His glowing references further confirmed the committee's confidence in Mark's ability to advance Country Day's mission as the school heads toward its centennial year.

With 18 years of school leadership experience, Mark is currently the principal at Birmingham Covington School (BCS), a grade 3-8 public magnet school serving 648 students in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Prior to Mark's leadership role at BCS, Mark was the principal at Gill Elementary School (K-5) and William Grace Elementary School (K-5), both located in Farmington, MI.

Mark is a graduate of Denison University where he earned a bachelor's degree (BA). He has a master's in the arts of teaching degree (MAT) from National-Louis University in Chicago and has an education specialist in general administration and supervision (Ed.S) from Wayne State University in Detroit.

During his free time, Mark enjoys all things outdoors with friends and family. While his four Boston marathons are in his past, he enjoys shorter runs along with cycling, fishing, skiing, snowshoeing, and beach activities on the shores of Glen Lake (MI) and Cape Cod (MA).

Mark and his wife Terri have two children. Their youngest, Sam, is an avid soccer player in the 11th grade at Cranbrook Schools, a PK-12 independent school in Bloomfield Hills, MI, and their daughter, Caley, is at Denison finishing her junior year studying abroad in Copenhagen. While Sam finishes his senior year, Terri will remain with him at Cranbrook before moving to Cincinnati full-time.

Mark will succeed Jennifer Jensen who leaves CCDS after 22 years of loyal service to our students and school for which we are deeply grateful.

I would like to thank our search committee* for their leadership in undertaking this important role. The committee was deliberate and thoughtful, and their efforts will ensure our Lower School is guided by strong leadership.

Please join me in welcoming Mark and his family to Cincinnati. We are excited to have them join the Country Day community and look forward Mark's arrival in July.

Sincerely,



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