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Dear Wornick Community,

We have some very exciting news to share with you. Led by a very able search committee, and supported by a multitude of positive recommendations, the Board has approved the appointment of Adam Eilath as our new Head of School. Throughout the search process, Adam's educational philosophy, his forward thinking, his love of Jewish and secular education, and his alignment with Wornick's mission statement, demonstrated his ability to serve as Wornick's Head of School. Adam's official start date will be July 1, 2019.

Adam, who is extremely excited to lead Wornick, joins us with a very impressive background. Currently, Adam is the Dean of Jewish Studies and Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Jewish Community High School (JCHS) of the Bay in San Francisco. In addition to his responsibilities as department chair, Adam has led strategic and structural changes to the academic program that have led to a significant increase in enrollment. Adam comes to us with a holistic understanding of the educational experience. Throughout his time at JCHS, Adam has taught in the Jewish Studies and Humanities departments, coached sports, and worked in college advising. Prior to JCHS, Adam was a teacher at Kehillah Jewish High School in Palo Alto. Adam recently completed the Day School Leadership Training Institute (DSLTI) at the Jewish Theological Seminary, the national training program for Heads of Jewish Day Schools. This year, Adam was selected to participate in the prestigious Wexner Field Fellowship program. Only 15 Jewish professionals across North America are chosen for this three-year fellowship that seeks to strengthen leadership in the Jewish community.

Adam's educational background is also extensive. He holds the following degrees: a BA from McGill University, an MA from Tel Aviv University, and educational certifications from Yeshiva University, The Shalom Hartman Institute, and The Jewish Theological Seminary. Adam is also a very active lay leader in several Jewish organizations, and is a passionate advocate for the Sephardic community within the North American Jewish landscape. As a former college swimmer, Adam enjoys participating in open water competitions in the San Francisco Bay in his free time.

In addition to Adam's impressive background, he is extremely personable, has excellent communication skills, has a wonderful sense of humor, looks for opportunities to engage all children in activities, and is a lifelong learner. Adam is dedicated to building on Wornick's collaborative learning environment and inclusive culture that is based on Jewish values where all students, staff, administrators, families, and community members feel welcome and safe.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we would also like to express our deepest gratitude to Lillian Howard and the entire administrative team. They did an exceptional job guiding our school during this interim time which allowed the search team to carefully find the best person to build on our school mission and guide us into the future.

Please join us in welcoming Adam, his wife, Lauren and their two young daughters Nava and Mira to the Wornick community. Finally, Adam's letter is below. Please take a moment to read it.

Sincerely,

Wornick Board of Trustees