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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR
JOSHUA LAUGHLIN '82, IN A
LETTER TO THE PUTNEY
SCHOOL COMMUNITY:**

“He will lead Putney’s efforts to grow into an even more robust vision for progressive education and a diverse, equitable, inclusive, and just community. His many conversations with our students, teachers, parents, trustees, and friends revealed the humility, self-awareness, and determination essential to the work ahead.”

**FEEDBACK FROM
STUDENTS:**

“He would be good at balancing the ideological responsibilities and the pragmatic ones. He would also help with anti-racism and sustainability at Putney.”

ADMINISTRATION:

“I heard thoughtfulness, compassion, a love of the mission and place.”

PARENTS, TRUSTEES, AND ALUMNI:

“I feel like I would hit the ground running becoming a better teacher and member of the community if Danny were head of school.”

In July, Putney will welcome Danny O’Brien as its tenth head of school. O’Brien currently serves as the head of school at the High Mountain Institute (HMI) in Leadville, Colorado. At HMI, O’Brien has worked to develop innovative educational programs and increase the diversity of students, faculty and staff. He will join the community on July 1, 2022 with his wife, Ellie, and their children, Vivie and Henry. Stay tuned—the Post plans to dive in and learn all about Danny and his hopes, dreams, and plans for Putney in future issues.

WELCOME, DANNY O’BRIEN

“Putney is clearly in a position of strength and can take tremendous pride in all that it has accomplished. At the same time, if we are to live Putney’s fundamental beliefs, there will always be work to do. I heard loudly and clearly, for example, the need to continue to make progress in living out Putney’s commitment to anti-racism and to ensuring all people who enter campus see this school as a home.”

Read more www.putneyschool.org/putney-to-welcome-new-head-of-school