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## Press Release

### New Headmaster at Herlufsholm School

Herlufsholm School and Estate is pleased to announce that acting headmaster Mikkel Kjellberg has been appointed new headmaster of Herlufsholm School.

The 45-year-old Mikkel Kjellberg will lead Herlufsholm in the future. Mikkel Kjellberg has been at Herlufsholm since 1999 when he was hired as a high school and IB teacher.

When the high school reform was implemented in 2004, Mikkel Kjellberg became a part of the high school management team at Herlufsholm, responsible for operations and digitalization, and he has been head of the high school since 2012.

As part of the management team at Herlufsholm, Mikkel Kjellberg has been a central figure in the implementation of two high school reforms and one grade reform as well as the establishment of the academic profiles of the study tracks in the high school. This work, in conjunction with the school's focus on personal development and well-being, has contributed to raising the school's academic level to make it one of the leading schools in Denmark.

In August of last year, the board appointed Mikkel Kjellberg acting headmaster - a task which Mikkel Kjellberg has carried out so satisfactorily that chairman of the board Torben von Lowzow encouraged him to apply for the job as headmaster.

*“Throughout the fall the board has been in dialogue with a number of candidates who all would have been qualified for the position as headmaster of Herlufsholm.*

*During this time it has been a pleasure for the board to observe how Mikkel Kjellberg as acting headmaster has taken on the responsibility for the management of the school during this period. He has been a natural leader for the school's staff, students*

*and parents. It was our assessment that Mikkel Kjellberg, due to his long-time experience at Herlufsholm, most recently as head of the high school and IB, would be a strong candidate. We therefore decided relatively late in the process to encourage Mikkel Kjellberg to apply for the job as headmaster of Herlufsholm School.”*

Chairman of the board Torben von Lowzow continues, *“We think we have found the very best headmaster for Herlufsholm, and we are very pleased that Mikkel Kjellberg with his focus on academics and wellbeing will be part of the effort to ensure that Herlufsholm will remain a significant and leading school in Denmark. A school with a focus on educating the whole person so they can lead and take responsibility - for themselves, for others and for the community that we all are part of. We are therefore looking forward to our continued collaboration and Mikkel Kjellberg’s leadership of Herlufsholm.”*

Mikkel Kjellberg is pleased with the board’s decision, *“It has been an exciting task to head Herlufsholm as acting headmaster. It is a unique school with a long history rich in tradition, and it has been a great part of my life for more than 20 years. The past six months I have experienced a good and rewarding collaboration with students, staff, parents and the board which contributed to the fact that I now wish to take on the job as headmaster, and I thank the board for the confidence they have shown me by this appointment.”*

Mikkel Kjellberg is married and has three daughters, aged 9, 12 and 13. He graduated from Nakskov Gymnasium (science track) in 1993, and holds a cand. scient. degree from Aarhus University (1999) with a major in chemistry and a minor in mathematics. He obtained his teaching certificate (pædagogikum) from Næstved Gymnasium in 2000.

Mikkel Kjellberg will officially start as headmaster on February 7, 2020, at which point he and his family also will move into the headmaster’s residence at Herlufsholm.

Herlufsholm will host a welcome reception for Mikkel Kjellberg in Festsalen, on Friday, March 6, at 2:00 pm for staff, outside partners and the press.

Additional photos of Mikkel Kjellberg have been enclosed with this press release for free editorial use.



Facts about Herlufsholm: Herlufsholm School and Estate consists of a middle school, high school and an international program, the International Baccalaureate (IB), as well as a boarding school. It offers educational tracks from 6th grade through 3.g.; 224 students of the approximately 572 students are boarding students. The estate includes, among other things, a 920-hectare forest and 135 hectares of farm land. Herlufsholm employs a total of approximately 180 people.

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