

## **The Taft School**

### **Director of Development**

Taft School seeks an experienced, dynamic, energetic, and collaborative Director of Development to manage and oversee all aspects of its fundraising activities and constituent relations. This high visibility professional position will report directly to the Headmaster and work closely with the Board of Trustees, alumni, parents, faculty, and administration. The Director of Development will be responsible for planning, organizing, leading, and evaluating all functions of development and alumni relations working in concert with Communication & Marketing Office. The Taft School Director of Development will carry the responsibilities typical of a prestigious secondary private school. The leadership team of the school is experienced and strong. The Headmaster, Willy MacMullen, is a Taft graduate ('78) and was appointed in 2001, after a career that began in 1983. The campus is one of the most beautiful of all New England boarding schools. This high visibility opportunity is available in July 2019.

The Taft School is a private, coeducational grade 9-12 day and boarding school located in Watertown, CT. Over the ensuing century, the school has grown in every way: from a handful of students and faculty in a one building campus to an internationally recognized school set on a beautiful 220 acre campus. Today, Taft is one of the nation's top middle-sized boarding schools. The admissions process is a highly selective one. In 2017 there were 1,677 applicants for 187 places, and the diverse student body is comprised of students from 32 states and 42 nations. Currently the school has 492 boarders and 100 day students. The school has approximately 250 employees, of which 127 are faculty. The alumni number 9,500 and in 2017 42% supported the Annual Fund. In 2017, the Parents' Fund had 92% participation and raised over \$4.5 million, the highest among peer schools. The campus, valued at \$190 million, is comprised of relatively older collegiate gothic style buildings built approximately ninety years ago as well as two dormitories, a hockey rink, and a state of the art science and math center, all of which were completed in the last twenty five years. The current endowment stands at approximately \$260 million. To learn more about The Taft School visit: [www.taftschool.org](http://www.taftschool.org). For the full search description visit: <https://deerfieldassociates.com/the-taft-school-director-of-development/>

The new Director of Development at the Taft School will join a superb institution with many strengths. The primary goal of the new hire is to ensure that the school becomes even stronger, and this means engaging the alumni and raising funds to increase the size of the endowment so that Taft can meet its mission. The new Director will enter an Alumni and Development Office that does many things well and is poised for the "next level." Significant enhancements in the past decade have led to an efficient and effective office. There is considerable experience among the 19 FTEs. The Director of Development at Taft leads an experienced and dedicated staff.

The Director of Development position at Taft offers an exciting and supportive work environment, a competitive salary and benefit package which includes medical and dental plans, a pension plan, tuition remission, housing and four weeks of paid vacation. Taft School is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

To explore this career opportunity on a confidential basis, please send your resume in WORD document format, a letter of interest and a list of references (which will only be contacted if mutual interest is determined) to: Doug Cooney, Executive Search Consultant, **DEERFIELD ASSOCIATES Executive Search, Inc.** 572 Washington Street, Suite 15, Wellesley, MA 02482 Telephone: 781-237-2800. Email: [jobs@deerfieldassociates.com](mailto:jobs@deerfieldassociates.com)