

Big News

EMID-Families

October 2011 SPECIAL EDITION

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

“EMID Board keeps EMID Schools OPEN!” – *EMID Families*

“The East Metro Integration District will not close Harambee Elementary in Maplewood and Crosswinds Arts and Science School in Woodbury.” – *St. Paul Pioneer Press*

“At Wednesday night's meeting, before an audience of parents and staff members at Crosswinds, the EMID board approved the compromise...” – *Woodbury Bulletin*

“A crowd of relieved parents praised the decision, which resolved a two-month debate among impassioned parents, board members and a group of east-side superintendents...” – *Minneapolis Star Tribune*

Lessons Learned

1. A disaster was averted because parents saw the packet before a school board meeting and scrambled to be there. We **MUST** continue to be vigilant, and we **MUST** continue to be present.
2. Member districts (including our own board members) learned things about EMID and the schools that they should have already known. We have to do a better job at demonstrating what we are about.
3. When parents and teachers are forced to go off script and off the cuff, we can talk for a long time!!!
4. There **IS** strength in numbers and volume, and **YES** we have both!
5. “What seems to us as bitter trials are often blessing in disguise”- Oscar Wilde. It's time to make lemonade out of this lemon.
6. We have a long road ahead, but no one deserves our strength and our hard work more than our kids!



Ms. Dickson
Harambee parent



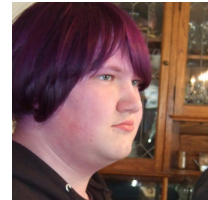
Ms. LeBlanc
Harambee & Crosswinds
Parent



Ms. Larson
Crosswinds parent



Mr. Sellie
Crosswinds alum



Mr. Celeste
Crosswinds student



AND MANY
OTHERS!

EMID Search-a-word

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EMID	BOARD	HARAMBEE
CROSSWINDS	BASS	GRIEBEL
INTEGRATION	UNITY	TOGETHER
FAMILIES	COMMUNITY	SUPPORT
INNOVATION	EXCELLENCE	OPEN
LEARNING	STUDENTS	PARENTS
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"Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength of the nation." -- *John F. Kennedy*

WE LOVE HARAMBEE AND CROSSWINDS STAFF!!!