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Urgent Action Needed to Save Crosswinds School

Crosswinds community and legislators call on Governor and Legislature to Act

WHAT: The legislature did not include Crosswinds in the education omnibus bill, dooming the state-of-the-art \$26M east metro integration magnet school to lie empty and disbanding one of the few programs closing the achievement gap. We are asking legislators and the governor to do everything possible before the legislative session ends to continue this important integration magnet program.

WHEN: Sunday, May 19
11:00 a.m.

WHERE: State Capitol
Outside the Governor's Office

WHO: Legislators, Crosswinds students, parents, and administration will be available to talk about what makes Crosswinds successful and why its future is important for the State of Minnesota. We plan to have orchestra students performing as part of the event.

WHY: The East Metro Integration District (EMID) Board voted to transfer governance of Crosswinds to Perpich Center for the Arts in January. After hearings in the House, legislation for Perpich to take over Crosswinds was added to the bonding bill, but removed before the bonding omnibus came to the floor. An attempt to add this language to the education omnibus bill was rebuffed and that bill also went to the floor without taking care of Crosswinds. Urgent action is needed to save this vital east metro integration program.

Crosswinds is a 6-10 grade arts and science school which is part of the East Metro Integration District (EMID6067), a collaborative partnership between the St. Paul School District and nine districts in the East Metro. Further information can be found at www.emidfamilies.org/crosswinds

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