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Crosswinds Students and Family Ask Legislature to Save their School

Crosswinds community and legislators to talk about why Crosswinds programming must be preserved

WHAT: The Minnesota House Bonding Bill (HF270) includes a provision allowing conveyance of the [Crosswinds Arts and Science School](#) building to either Perpich Center for Arts Education or ISD833 for the purpose of running the integration program for which the school was built. Passage of this bill with this language will ensure Crosswinds will be maintained in the future and its programming which has been effective in addressing the achievement gap will be preserved.

WHEN: Thursday, May 16
2:30 p.m.

WHERE: 600 Weir Drive
Woodbury, MN 55125

WHO: 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.

WHY: The East Metro Integration District (EMID) Board voted to transfer governance of Crosswinds to Perpich Center for the Arts. Conveyance of the building must be determined by the State Legislature. The language in the House bonding bill is fair language that allows the EMID board to convey the Crosswinds building to either ISD833 (South Washington County) or the Perpich Center for Arts Education for the purpose of running an east metro area integration magnet program. Woodbury area Senators would like this \$26M state asset to be given to a local school district (ISD833) without the obligation of maintaining the integration programming for which it was built.

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. The EMID Board voted to turn over governance of Crosswinds to the Perpich Center for Arts Education, pending legislative approval. Further information can be found at www.emidfamilies.org/crosswinds

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