

## **Petition for Perpich Leadership of Crosswinds**

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## 269 signatures attached.

151 identified their affiliation: 47% parents, 39% friends, 9% students, 5% staff. 46 told us their plans for staying with Crosswinds under Perpich: **87% yes**, 13% no. 56 "plan B" alternatives were shared with us, including: 8 AFSA 6 Open World Learning 4 Creative Arts High School 4 SPCPA 3 Avalon 3 Great River 3 Johnson 3 South St Paul High School 2 MN Virtual Academy 2 South St Paul High School 2 Woodbury High School 2 Woodbury High School (the rest were only one each) For more details or to see the original data, please contact Eric Celeste, efc@clst.org, 651-323-2009.

The petition instrument itself is reproduced below. This will be much too small to read on paper, but in the PDF version of this document you can zoom in to see the full survey that folks responded to.

The PDF version is available at emidfamilies.org/petition2013.

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2014 school year. * Required	<ul> <li>I am a Crosswinds student or parent and willing to share my plans for next year.</li> <li>No thanks, just wanted to sign the petition. Skip to question 8.</li> </ul>	I am a Crosswinds student. I am a Crosswinds parent. I am a Crosswinds teacher or staff member.
Please sign if you would like to see Crosswinds remain open under Perpich leadership beginning in the 2013-2014 school year.	Survey of Plans for Next School Year This section is really only intended to be filled out once for each Crosswinds student. I someone else in your family has filled this out, feel free to simply submit the form at th end. These questions are about next school year, starting in the Fall of 2013.	I am a friend of Crosswinds  Comments Feel free to leave any comments for the EMID board or for EMID Families organizers.
1. Name * Please include your full name	Do not answer these questions for students now in 10th grade.	
2. Email Include your email address so we can keep you posted on developments.	Just click the "continue" button if your student is a 10th grader. 6. Plan A If Crosswinds is open under Perpich leadership in 2013 my student will be attending Crosswinds.	Please click the Submit button below to finish.
3. Phone Number Don't forget your area code.	Mark only one oval.  Yes, my student would attend Crosswinds next year No, my student would not attend Crosswinds	Thank you!
<ol> <li>Address * Please include full address on one line like this: 123 Fourth St., Five Corners, MN 56789.</li> </ol>	7. Plan B What school will your student(s) attend if Crosswinds closes in the fall of 2013?	Powered by Google Drive
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#	First Last	Affiliation	Comments	Email	Phone	Address
1	Gwen Anderson	friend	Parent of former student	sunshine999299@hotmail.com	6125909440	1986 English St, Maplewood, MN 55109
2	Justin <b>Anderson</b>	student	I was a Crosswinds student. I was there from 6th grade to 10th grade. I met some amazing people, and this place made me realize who I was. I will never forget the teachers, or any of my friends who I met.			1986 English st. Maplewood, MN 55109
3	Dan Angel				651-735-0165	525 Leakwood Dr, Maplewood, MN
4	Earl Barene				651-245-0626	Farwell, MN
5	Anna <b>Barker</b>	staff	Thanks for all your work, EMID Families! Go Perpich!	anna.barker@emid6067.net	651-379-2624	6135-C Courtly Alcove, Woodbury, Mn 55125
6	Elizabeth A Barker	friend		1.elizabeth.b@gmail.com	651-354-6683	994 Lexington Pkwy N, apt 1, St Paul, MN 55103
7	Kate Barker	friend		kate.barker@gmail.com	919-360-3951	156 East 37th Street, 6C, New York, NY 10016
8	Beatrice Barretti			smbarretti@yahoo.com	651-490-9711	2935 Woodbridge St, Roseville, MN 55113
9	Bryan <b>Bass</b>			bryan.bass@emid6067.edu	651-724-5304	6917 Gleason Road, Edina, MN 55439
10	Kallie Batton			kalliebatton@gmail.com		1747 Nevada Ave E, St Paul, MN 55106
11	Tamara <b>Bayne-Kuczmarski</b>			tbaynekuczmarski@hotmail.com	651-738-3722	2252 Emerald Lane, St. Paul, MN 55119
12	Joan Behnke			grandmatoseven@live.com	651-459-6655	812 Hastings Ave , St Paul Park, MN 55071
13	Julianne <b>Behnke</b>			jujuliebe@msn.com	651-894-4749	812 Hastings Ave, St Paul Park, MN 55071
14	Theresa Behnke			theresabehnke@comcast.net	651-797-4309	2520 Rose Ave E, Maplewood, MN
15	Rachel Berres	friend		bounce racheberres@aol.com		2146 So. Howard Street
16	Willow Berthiaume	parent				2166 Carver Ave Saint Paul, MN 55119
17	Chris Bewell			chrisbe@q.com	651-778-9872	1085 N. Grotto St, Saint Paul, MN 55117
18	Chris Blair	parent		ixchrisxi@comcast.net	6517313182	213 Dejon Ct.
19	Rachel Blanford			bednar.blanford@gmail.com	612-877-0716	2544 Harriet Ave. #301, Minneapolis, MN 55405
20	Sean Blanford			tripblanford@gmail.com	612-877-0716	2544 Harriet Ave. #301, Minneapolis, MN 55405
21	Stephanie <b>Boesen</b>	parent	Since my daughter has been attending Crosswinds, she regained her love of going to school and learning. In a local school, she was bullied, treated like an outcast, didn't dress fancy enough, parents didn't drive a nice enough vehicle, kids were very mean. Even if she is sick she still wants to go to school. She enjoys all the teachers very much. I hope, for my daughters sake, that the school will remain open. I dread having to make a change from the positive atmosphere at Crosswinds. Thank you for your time.	boesen50@msn.com		2126 Vining Dr, Unit E, Woodbury MN 55125
22	Michael J. Boguszewski	parent		godcobbler@aol.com	612-963-2431	1840 Merrill Street, Roseville, MN 55113
23	Shelley Bonse	parent		ss222@centurylink.net	651 428 7694	6956 Ashwood Rd. #203 Woodbury Mn. 55125
24	Krista <b>Boston</b>	friend	I am a parent that's wants to send my child there.	krista.boston@gmail.com	6125983916	7432 Columbia court Woodbury, mn 55125
25	Janine <b>Boyd</b>				715-209-5862	2312 Woodbury, Ashland, WI
26	Mary Kate <b>Boylan</b>	friend	Innovative solutions to integration are important for all of us. Please allow this powerful and successful model to continue.	mkboylan@indigoink.com	651-698-4533	2195 Bayard Avenue St. Paul, MN 55116
27	Virgil Braun				612-720-4536	512 Hall W., Minneapolis, MN
28	Linda Brewer			Imbrewer112@q.com	651-228-0390	4971 Grenwich Ave N, Oakdale, MN 55128

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29	Michele <b>Brink</b>	friend	A am a good friend of a 6th grade student (and mother) who started Crosswinds this year. This school seems to have been a perfect fit for a uniquely wonderful child. He did not have his his interest level challenged at his previous public school. Perpich has a great reputation as a leader in education and would be a perfect fit for Crosswinds.		334-333-2801	1511 Grand Ave. #6 Saint Paul, mn 55105
30	Paula <b>Brown</b>					2401 108th Lane NE #318, Blaine, MN 55449
31	Shannon Bruce	parent		smbruce@comcast.net	651-772-1196	2702 Margaret St. N.
32	Linda <b>Budd</b>	friend	As a psychologist I have sent many children to Crosswinds and noted they were well taken care of there.	drlindabudd@yahoo.com	651 765-0400	3270 Owasso Heights Road
33	Jaclyn <b>Cao</b>				651-681-9699	10945 Sailor Way, Woodbury, MN 55129
34	Autumn Carlson	friend				7687 Hyde ave. s., cottage grove, mn 55016
35	Alexander Carr	student		carramc@me.com	6514922137	10075 Waterfront Dr., Woodbury, MN 55129
36	Sindhu Cason	friend		carlsonsindhur@gmail.com		1040F 27th Ave SE, Minneapolis, Mn 55414
37	Alexander Celeste	friend	As an alum marking "student" isn't as appropriate, but the board may well like to know which signers of this petition are alumni of Crosswinds as it shows the power of what the school is that we still care about it (granted am I someone to say that being the older brother of a current student and son of one of the main EMID Families organizers).			1993 Lincoln Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105
38	Eric Celeste	parent		efc@clst.org	651-323-2009	1993 Lincoln Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105
39	Nathaniel Celeste	student		nathaniel@clst.org	651-756-0159	1993 Lincoln ave.
40	Chris Chambers			eandckeno@hotmail.com	952-406-2663	4155 Mill Lake Shores Rd, Farwell, MN
41	Amy Chester	parent	Please don't destroy a good thing!	sagedreamdesign@yahoo.com	651-414-0634	981 Glendon St N Maplewood, MN 55119
42	Caridad Cintron	parent		caridad_bcc@yahoo.com	7632223016	703 case ave, st paul, mn 55106
43	Aalejah Monet Coleman	student		shistewart@yahoo.com	6516832992	2417 Chilcombe Ave St Paul, MN 55108
44	Donte Coleman			bounce djenfer1033@gmail.cor	m 612-310-1744	15429 Radium St NW, Ramsey, MN
45	Denise <b>Coronado</b>	parent	Crosswinds has made a huge difference in my daughter's perception of her future. Since attending Crosswinds and experiencing experiential teaching instead of by rote teaching she has blossomed. She is getting all 7's and last year was voted "student most likely to earn multiple phds". She also won the Rotation Forward award from the St. Paul Rotary Club. Bayley now sees herself as becoming a biologist with a focus on food science/development and although this will probably change before college, it is a far cry from her career aspirations from before. Having had a son that attended the local middle school, I know that Bayley would not be at the same place academically had she not attended Crosswinds. Although Bayley will attend a different school next year regardless I can't stress enough how important Crosswinds has been to our family.	ddjb2006@comcast.net	651-436-6665	2412 sandstone dr. woodbury, mn 55129
46	Cindy Crayne					1780 Flandran St, Maplewood, MN 55109
47	Jim Crewson				651-307-8865	5664 Pelle Ave N, Oak Park Heights, MN
48	Gabrielle Dahms			mrober840@umn.edu	612-655-9472	312 E 34th St (Minneapolis?)

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49	Daris <b>Danielson</b>				651-777-6964	13928 Rice 6 St, Maplewood, MN
50	Mopo Daso	parent				2 Greedy St, Sowashco, MN
51	Stephanie <b>Davis</b> Brown	parent	We are a long time family of Crosswinds where both my 24 and 17 yr old sons have graduated from Crosswinds and now my 13 yr old daughter is attending with hopes of graduating from Crosswinds as well. Crosswinds is family and we hope it's not taken away from us since we have two more kids hoping to one day attend.		612-803-3310	3535 Century Ave N#23, White Bear Lake,MN 551
52	Janel <b>Deboer</b>				612-802-0242	Inver Grove Heights
53	Kelly <b>Debrine</b>	parent	Crosswinds is a school that offers opportunity to kids who would not be well served elsewhere, partly because they intentionally create community among a very diverse student body and allow for empathy and relationships to develop. All this tends to break down barriers and prevents bullying. It's a community that values kids who would not be valued elsewhere.	kdebrine@comcast.net	651-402-2193	1692 Tamberwood Trail
54	Brianna <b>Deyo</b>	friend		brianna.deyo@gmail.com		10200 Citywalk Drive, Woodbury, MN 55129
55	David <b>Deyo</b>	parent				8398 Grafton Ave S
56	Nicole <b>Deyo</b>	parent		nikki.deyo@gmail.com	6518957650	10200 Citywalk Drive, Woodbury, MN 55129
57	Jaime A. Diaz	friend		jdiazmagico@yahoo.com	6515586084	1250 Jessie street, Saint Paul, MN 55130
58	Jessica M. Diaz	friend		mkjdiaz@hotmail.com	6515586093	1250 Jessie Street, Saint Paul, MN 55130
59	Wendy <b>Díaz</b>	parent	Soy madre de 2 niñas que están estudiando en Harambee elementary school y me gusta mucho la escuela y quisiera que la escuela de Crosswinds se mantuviera abierta porque es allí donde deseo que mis hijas continúen sus estudios !!!!!	wydiaz1@hotmail.com	651-3990269	2071 mcmenemy st N Maplewood MN 55117
60	Carrie Dickson	friend		cdickson@umich.edu	6512160775	1403 County Rd C East
61	Robin <b>Dilts</b>				651-290-2058	1283 Ottawa Ave, W St Paul, MN 55118
62	Mike Douthit				612-330-2604	300 S Brown Rd, Long Lake, MN
63	Bill Droessler			bdroessler1066@gmail.com	651-253-3908	1515 Charles St, Saint Paul, MN 55108
64	Suzanne E. Druehl	friend		sedruehl@charter.net	507-529-9479	110 Meadow Run Dr. SW Rochester MN 55902
65	Michelle East	parent				178 Cimarron, Lake Elmo, MN 55042
66	Monica East	student		nicaandrach@gmail.com	6512859036	178 Cimmaron, Lake Elmo, MN 55042
67	Amy <b>Ebbesen</b>	parent	Crosswinds is a great school, has top notch teachers who go more than an extra mile for the students. I think the educational system has a gem in Crosswinds and could learn so much from how Crosswinds does education.	amyebbesen@yahoo.com	651-771-4147	130 Maria Ave, St Paul, MN 55106
68	Judy Enrota					4035 McKnight Rd (no city, zip)
69	Oscar Enrota					4035 McKnight Rd (no city, zip)
70	Catherine Fenner	friend		jcfenner@comcast.net		3749 Alexandria Drive, Woodbury MM 55129
71	J. Lindsay <b>Flint</b>	parent	Our kids are only moving because of the extreme uncertainty of Crosswinds continuing next year. They need stability and certainty, something the EMID board has failed to provide to the students and staff of Crosswinds.	jlmflint2@msn.com	651-487-0324	1508 N. Saint Albans, Saint Paul, MN 55117

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73	Kathryn Forss	parent	Perpich is the only option for this school and its families. Please vote to give Perpich the opportunity to run it.	kforss@gmail.com	6514893218	1515 CHELSEA ST
74	Barb Frederick			bafrederick@gmail.com		4021 Cranbrook Dr (no city, zip)
75	Dan And Kaye Freiberg			danfreiberg@comcast.net	763-344-9227	200 Brunswick Ave S, Golden Valley, MN
76	Lee Ann Fugaban				651-398-5200	6188 Upper Afton Cove, Woodbury, MN 55125
77	Kevin <b>Gagnelius</b>	parent	Love the year round program and the educational experience it has provided all of my children. I think Crosswinds is an important piece of the success they have had and think it is a shame if the school does not continue as is.	kevin.gagnelius@target.com	6517937645	6357 36 st n Oakdale mn 55128
78	Mollie Gagnelius	parent		mollie.gagnelius@ci.stpaul.mn.us	651-793-7645	6357 36th St N, Oakdale, MN 55128
79	Brian <b>Gallahue</b>	friend	Have a son who is a former student of Crosswinds. Have a daughter entering sixth grade who would love to attend Crosswinds. This school works well for children who don't "fit in" the typical school setting. We need schools like this to continue operating, to reach these children, who need an alternative learning environment.	bgallahue@comcast.net	6517383826	8018 Boulder Ridge Rd, Woodbury, MN 55125
80	Tricia Gallahue	parent	I still feel I am a Crosswinds parent. My son needed to "leave" this Spring to attend online school for medical reasons, but my daughter is going into 6th grade and wants to attend Crosswinds in the fall!	tricia3826@aol.com	651 738 3826	8018 Boulder Ridge Road, Woodbury, MN 55125
81	Jasmine Goodman			jasminegoodman29@gmail.com	651-263-1677	269 Selby Ave #202 Saint Paul, MN
82	Renee Gothmann			gothmannr@gmail.com	651-439-9086	207 W Myrtle, Stillwater, MN 55082
83	April <b>Graves</b>	friend	My children went to Harambee from K through 5. I know that knowledge of and expression through arts and culture, are absolutely essential to the healthy development of our children and society. And I think it is our responsibility to protect and maintain it.	verbalshowers@yahoo.com	6123256836	6136 Brooklyn blvd Brooklyn Center Mn 55429
84	Stacey Grenz	staff	I feel that the board has a great conflict of interest in keeping our school open. I feel that they should resign and amend the leadership to include an independent school board with members who are not directly benefited from our school closing. I am in great favor of the school changing leadership to Perpich or also becoming a charter school. I am willing to assist in any manner to facilitate these		6517343013	1181 Hague Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104
			processes.			
85	Terry Gunderson	friend	Our older daughter finished tenth grade at crosswinds and just completed her first successful year at Luther College. Our younger daughter finished eight grade at crosswinds and will be a junior at SPCPA. Crosswinds was great for both of them, for different reasons. Perpich is a wonderful fit and we would love to see this partnership move forward.	j.syme@comcast.net	6517799943	1949FlandrauStmaplewood

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86	Lisa <b>Gunn</b>	parent	It is an absolute tragedy Crosswinds may close. There is no other educational option, like Crosswinds, in this community. You are only hurting the children and diminishing their futures by closing this school/program. Thank you to all the volunteers who made the meetings, and were my voice because I was unable to attend due to work.	lisagunn4@gmail.com	6514979149	3096 frontier dr., Woodbury,MN 55129
87	Gita Jain <b>Gupta</b>	parent				9296 Wedgewood Dr., Woodbury, MN 55125
88	Mahim Gupta				651-735-3144	9296 Wedgewood Dr., Woodbury, MN 55125
89	Mahima K. <b>Gupta</b>	student		mkg9296@gmail.com	651-735-3144	9296 Wedgewood Dr., Woodbury, MN 55125
90	Shalley Gupta				651-735-3144	9296 Wedgewood Dr., Woodbury, MN 55125
91	Sita Gupta			mkg9296@gmail.com	651-735-3144	9296 Wedgewood Dr., Woodbury, MN 55125
92	Shannon Hannigan	parent		shannonhannigan@yahoo.com	6512614807	1684 Hague Avenue, St Paul MN 55-04
93	Greg Harvey	friend		gharvey444@comcast.net	651-486-6418	2693 galtier st, roseville mn 55113
94	Mary Hess	parent		hessma@clst.org	6516413232	1993 Lincoln Avenue, St. Paul, mN 55105
95	Bob And Jill Hiatt				651-210-0051	110 4th Ave No 308 (no city)
96	Sarah <b>High</b>					
97	Kelly <b>Hoefflin</b>	parent	If there was some certainty that Crosswinds would stay open this fall, my son would spend his last year there. But after attending numerous board meetings and not seeing any progress towards the goal of keeping Crosswinds open, we decided that he needed to move on and registered him at Creative Arts High School for the fall term. He will miss the wonderful, caring staff at Crosswinds.	kellylh1960@yahoo.com	6517306470	1879 Case Avenue
98	Linda <b>Hoffman</b>			mlhoff@lakenet.com		702 - 14th Ave, Two Harbors, MN 55616
99	Stacy Hoffman				651-398-6164	130 E Arion, West St Paul, MN
100	Charlotte <b>Holmes</b>	friend	I am the aunt of a Crosswinds student and understand that Crosswinds offers a unique program in which my nephew as excelled academically and socially for the first time in his life.	randileonard@aol.com	919-606-4313	4009 English Laurel Lane, Raleigh, NC 27612
101	Allen W Hufra			ahuf@hounlimited.net	651-731-6407	8590 Timberwood Rd Woodbury, MN 55125
102	Heidi <b>Igo</b>	staff				1198 Edmund Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
103	Thomas A <b>Iii</b> Glenn	friend		taglenn2004@yahoo.com	6513751423	4212 Victoria Court, Shoreview, MN 55126
104	Holly <b>Ingersoll</b>	parent	My son has an IEP. He is also very intelligent and creative. He is in 6th grade at Crosswinds and has finally had the spark ignited for learning that I always felt was there, but his other school had a hard time reaching. In one year he has developed a love of learning I felt may never come to life. Thank you Crosswinds and please allow Perpich to take over where EMID has left off by turning over governance for the 2013-2014 school year, allowing my child and many others to continue their education in a safe and challenging school that meets their needs. Perpich is a willing partner and should be given the opportunity to govern Crosswinds and keep this amazing integration education available to those in the east metro area. Thank you!	inger002@gmail.com	651-442-5403	653 Manomin Ave.

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105	Ihsan Ingersoll	student	I would like to thank x-winds for helping me learn. I had so much fun, even though for only 1 year. good luck.	inger004@gmail.com	612-516-6930	653 Manomin Ave., MN 55107
106	Better J. Johnson					Saint Paul, MN
107	Brittany Johnson				651-324-2020	1475 Highview Ave, Eagan, MN 55121
108	Daryl B Johnson	parent		stpauljohnson@msn.com	6517741653	752 Margaret St.St.paul, MN. 55106
109 E	lise Stephanie Johnson	friend				752 Margaret St. St.Paul MN 55106
110	Gena Johnson	parent		gena.johnson@comcast.net	6516491008	1723 Blair Ave. St. Paul, MN 55104
111 Ja	ared And Leah Johnson			writetoleah@gmail.com	651-353-2292	2401 Coyoteln, Mapelwood, MN
112	Kristin And <b>Johnson</b> Daryl			stpauljohnson@msn.com	651-774-1653	752 Margaret St, Saint Paul, MN
113	Laura Johnson				612-772-3491	385 Orange Ave E, Saint Paul, MN 55108
114	Zella Johnson					888 Orange Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55106
115	Dr. Jennifer <b>Johsnon</b>	parent	I work evenings and can not make the board meetings. Crosswinds has been the best thing for my son. In 1.5 yrs, his test scores went from under 10% to passing in math and he is very close in reading. The year round schooling is critical for kids who fall through the cracks in our current systems. No one would choose to have their kids bussed half way across the metro if there were comparable programs offered in our home districts (Roseville for us). Perpich can and will make the school healthy. please let them try, for the sake of the kids who don't have other options that will help them succeed.			1576 Snelling, St. Paul, MN 55108
116	Lakesha Jones			lakeshajones77@yahoo.com	651-334-8737	715 McKnight Rd S, Saint Paul

110	Lakesna Jones			lakeshajones//wyanoo.com	001-004-0707	7 15 Micknight Ru S, Saint Paul
117	Steve Karfax				651-430-0704	5664 Pellem, Stillwater, MN 55082
118	lan Kearney			ian.c.kearney@gmail.com		Saint Paul, MN
119	Andrea Kennedy			bounce guillianna@gmail.com	651-724-5444	15170 Farnhar Ave N, Hugo, MN 55038
120	Chase Kennedy				612-242-6029	15170 Farnhar Ave N, Hugo, MN 55038
121	Lynn Kennedy				651-762-5661	15170 Farnhar Ave N, Hugo, MN 55040
122	Johnny Kenow				651-900-4003	5823 72nd St E, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076
123	Josh Kenow				651-900-4118	5823 72nd St E, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076
124	Lisa Kenow				651-210-3112	5823 72nd St E, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076
125	Minh Khuong	parent		mikkhu@gmail.com	6512612052	1517 Laurie rd. Maplewood MN 55109
126	Sara Kiefner			skiefner@hotmail.com	763-226-9690	11013 7th St, Blaine, MN 55434
127	Jo Kline				651-330-2604	130 E Arion, West St Paul, MN
128	Kendall Koll				612-666-6614	2192 Valley View PI, St Paul, MN
129	Kristen Koll			pakosworld@yahoo.com	651-739-0554	2192 Valley View PI, St Paul, MN
130	Dawn Krueger	friend	I was a Crosswinds parent.	d-m_krueger@msn.com	6515921751	417 W Horseshoe Dr, Shoreview MN 55126
131	Kirsten Kuhnly	friend		kkuhnly@hotmail.com	651-251-3052	2524 17th Ave E, North St. Paul, MN 55109
132	W.J. <b>La</b>				651-766-6819	5677 Heather Ridge, MN 55126
133	Andrea Laroque			jonlaroque@msn.com	651-407-9846	4326 Greenhaven Circle, Vadnais Heights, MN
134	Aw Laroque				651-766-6819	5679 Heather Ridge Dr, Shoreview, MN
135	Daniel Larson	parent		daniel.lynn.larson@gmail.com	612-209-0754	15239 63rd St N, Oak Park Heights, MN 55082
136	Elizabeth Larson			buffylarson@gmail.com	651-428-5170	1923 Igelhart Ave, Saint Paul, MN
137	Samuel Nishio Larson	student		samuelnlarson@gmail.com	6513561599	15239 63rd St N, Oak Park Heights, MN 55082
138	Susan M Larson	parent		susanmlarson@comcast.net	651-439-6383	15239 63rd St N, Oak Park Heights, MN 55082

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139	Fred LeBlanc		'	fredski2die@comcast.net	651-774-1125	658 Arlington Ave E, Saint Paul, MN 55106
140	Laurel G <b>LeBlanc</b>	parent	The EMID member districts now have all the integration money from the EMID collaborative. Please allow the Crosswinds program to continue under Perpich since it will now have almost no impact financially on your district, AND might be able to share some insight for effective integration of your more diverse students with your district's teachers via Perpich.	polecatlgl@comcast.net	651-774-1125	658 Arlington Ave E, Saint Paul, MN 55106
141	Amy Ledoux	friend	In the Harambee spirit, please work together for a common purpose. Under Perpich leadership, Crosswinds can continue to live out it's mission.	amy.rostronledoux@yahoo.com	651-592-6810	7057 28th. St. N. Oakdale, MN 55128
142	Austin Ledoux	friend				7057 28th. St. N. Oakdale, MN 55128
143	Cruz Ledoux	friend				7057 28th. St. N. Oakdale, MN 55128
144	Luke <b>Ledoux</b>	friend				7057 28th. St. N. Oakdale, MN 55128
145	Ryan <b>Ledoux</b>	friend				7057 28th. St. N. Oakdale, MN 55128
146	Simone Ledoux	friend				7057 28th. St. N. Oakdale, MN 55128
147	Joan E. <b>Leonard</b>	friend	I am the grandmother of Ihsan Ingersoll.He has only been in Crosswinds foe only one year.I can not discribe the metamorphosis! He can not wait to go each day. Studies have shown that children that attend a year round school lose little or no ground as oppose to children who have a traditonal summer vacation. Wished we had schools like that in my day! Joan E. Leonard		732-389-4632	25 B. Pemberton Ave.
148	Dee Lindblom	friend		deelindblom@hotmail.com	6513536724	9514 78th St. S.
149	Jahna <b>Lindquist</b>	friend	I am a former Crosswinds staff member and a former Crosswinds parent. My daughter is now a sophomore at the University of MN - Morris. I can't fully describe the impact that Crosswinds has made for her and me. I just know that it was and is invaluable. I know that she had a very different educational experience than I did and I am so grateful that she was able to attend during some of the best years of Crosswinds' program, which included multi-grade houses, block scheduling, and interdisciplinary projects. In an age where bullying reports come every week, I reflect back on the sensitivity and caring of Crosswinds students and their capacity to appreciate so many of their peers during the difficult middle school years, and I am continually in awe of their social adeptness. It is shameful that something that has been successful for these students is lost to selfishness and inability to see beyond district borders. Please allow Perpich and the current families the opportunity to rebuild a program worthy of the original vision.	jahna23@gmail.com	(651) 983-5495	1446 Fairmount Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105

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150	Karla Barge <b>Lindsay</b>	friend	The families who come to the meetings ARE families like mine (Harambee parent). I work all day and only have a few hours to spend with my young children, so I don't normally attend board meetings. I appreciate the heck out of the families who do attend, and share the results. The rest of us are watching.	karlabarge@yahoo.com	6123881232	1960 Greenbrier St, Maplewood MN 55117
151	Chad Michael Linke	parent		chadmlinke@comcast.net	6517699993	7755 Ingle Ct S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016
152	Sharie Linke			sharie_linke@hotmail.com		12029 Vermillion St NE, Blaine, MN
153	Matthew Loecker	friend		mrloecker@gmail.com		156 east 37th street, nyc, ny, 10016
154	Raeyna Longtin	parent		dr.raeyna@truecompanionsvet.c	on 651-503-4369	6940 74th St S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016
155	Shane <b>Longtin</b>	parent	We have seen our daughter blossom at Crosswinds, and she gets an integration experience across cultural and socioeconomic boundaries that would not come close to being matched in her home district, regardless of their integration programs. PLEASE keep Crosswinds open!	shane@longtins.com	651-503-4364	6940 74th St S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016
156	Heather J. Lund	friend	This school should be a model for successful integration in a state with some of the lowest graduation rates for underrepresented groups, according to Education Weekly for the last four years. Its time to wake up and implement what already works instead of trying to reinvent the wheel. Making this a lab school and possibly replicating this program will save tax dollars and lead to more promising practices in this area in the future.	heatherjlund@gmail.com	952.888.4262	1007 Woodbridge Street, St. Paul, MN 55117
157	Deirdre Lynch	friend		deirdreelynch@gmail.com	651.468.1345	1290 seminary ave
158	Katheryn M.					Stilwater, MN
159	Yvonne Malchow	parent		marjon451@q.com	6512496391	5448 feather court, white bear lake, Mn.55110
160	Carol Malek			malekonbay@gmail.com	218-820-3329	16415 Brighton Pt Rd, Deerwood, MN
161	Cindy Malek			cindymalek@comcast.net	763-331-0564	14737 Xkimo St, Ramsey, MN 55303
162	Jeanette Mandel					W.R, WI
163	Greg Marget	staff		greg@whitebearcello.com		302 Maryknoll Dr, Stillwater, MN 55082
164	Kathryn Marget	parent		kathryn@whitebearcello.com	6513316865	302 Maryknoll Drive, Stillwater, MN 55082
165	Jim Markovich				651-771-5759	1558 McAfee St
166	Tom Markovich				651-771-5759	1558 McAfee St, St Paul, MN 55106
167	Susan Marshall	staff	I have been a staff member for 13 years and would love to see the program continue!	susanmarshall78@gmail.com	651-675-7638	2124 Ivy Ave. E. St. Paul, MN 55119
168	Dwonn <b>Mayfield</b>	parent	You will be making a big mistake if you close down Crosswinds, this school has brought many generations and families together. I've had two of my kids the ages 17 and 22 attend Crosswinds and loved Crosswinds.	mayfield@q.com	651-503-6441	443 Woodduck Pl unit B Woodbury MN
169	Ralonda <b>Mckinley</b>	staff		ralondamckinley@yahoo.com	651-497-7120	458 English St
170	Erik Mcknight	parent		erik.mcknight@gmail.com	651-488-7324	493 McCarrons Blvd S, Roseville, MN 55113
171	Bruce Messelt			bmesselt@live.com	651-342-1078	3549 Osgood Ave N, Stillwater, MN 55082

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172	Terri <b>Messelt</b>	friend	I am a parent of two former Crosswinds students that, regrettably, had to leave due to all of the turmoil. Still sad. The girls refer to Stillwater as Still Whiter. Integration was a thing of beauty and a great learning enhancement.		651-342-1078	3549 Osgood Ave N, Stillwater, MN 55082
173	Donna Minter	friend		donnaleeminter@aol.com	612-377-4660	2419 W22nd Street Minneapolis, MN 55405
174	Deborah <b>Morse</b>	parent	It is a shame to take apart such a wonderful program or to leave the facility empty.	dmorse5@gmail.com	6512918065	39 W. Colorado St., St. Paul, MN 55107
175	Karl <b>Munoz</b>	parent		bounce ca6hboogie@aol.com	6513308691	111 front ave st paul mn 55104
176	Brydon Nelson			brydonnelson21@gmail.com	651-771-8063	1834 Cottage Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55119
177	Charlene D. Nelson					Minneapolis, MN
178	Kita <b>Nelson</b>			kitanelson29@gmail.com	651-470-3861	1834 Cottage Ave E, Saint Paul, MN 55119
179	Penny <b>Newbauer</b>	parent	Crosswinds year long school program with arts & science emphasis is exactly how all schools in the US should operate.	pnewbauer@att.net	651-293-1541	36 E. King St, St Paul, MN 55107
180	Maryna <b>Nguyen</b>	student		picklesmaryna@yahoo.com	651-528-3763	7136 Upper 39th St. N, Oakdale, MN 55128
181	Brenda Jean <b>Olson</b>	friend	Keep going. Don't give up. It's worth it to create something beautiful that will impact so many lives!	brendajolson@me.com	651-247-0360	568 mendota street, St. Paul mn 55106
182	Thea Judith Ose	friend	Please keep the school open. I attended there three years, and it was amazing. Keep the dream alive!	theaose1997@yahoo.com	651-231-9823	2423 Standridge Ave. E, Maplewood, MN 55109
183	Linda <b>Oto</b>			llo@johnsonwest.com	651-770-3416	715 Larpenteur Ave, Saint Paul, MN
184	Darcy Otto			dleaotto@gmail.com	651-283-7611	1579 Grandview Ave
185	Aadassh Padiyath			aspadiyath@gmail.com		
186	Peggy Palumbo	staff		pjpalu@gmail.com	651-307-6657	2011 Cohansey Blvd. Roseville, MN 55113
187	Lanie <b>Paymar</b>	parent	We love Crosswinds which is such a wonderful school!! Students are allowed to thrive here with the guidance of caring staff and teachers. We also like year 'round school which my husband's and my daughter has attended since kindergarten. We look forward to Perpich assuming governance of Crosswinds beginning in September 2013.	lanieclogs@yahoo.com	651-690-2515	1229 Palace Ave. St. Paul, MN 55105-2951
188	Jacqueline <b>Perez</b>	parent	So we've heard "It takes a village to raise a child" and Crosswinds has nurtured my daughter. It is the family I send my daughter off to be educated, build self-esteem and confidence, and just taken care of. It is a model school for others that just go to work and do not go above and beyond that. Teachers help raise our children, but at Crosswinds other staff members are involved too. Crosswinds is a priceless asset.	ja_k_lin@yahoo.com	651-774-7408	1992 Nevada Avenue East, Saint Paul, MN 55119
189	Marguel Poder				612-232-6303	2174 Sycamore Tri., Woodbury, MN 55125
190	Mikhail Prasolov	student		mishanet123@gmail.com	6513999965	645 Falcon Ridge Rd.
191	Marla Prescott			-	651-290-2058	1283 Ottawa Ave, W St Paul, MN 55118
192	Gregory <b>Prince</b>	parent	I would have preferred to remain at Crosswinds but there is simply too little time left given my son's special needs.	greg@gregprince.com	6514025748	2425 St. Albans St. N
193	Jody Rademaker	parent	Let Perpich have leadership of Crosswinds. Quit playing politics with my children!	twindutch@yahoo.com	651-776-0674	896 Lawson Avenue East, MN 55106
194	Julia Rademaker	student	Please remember us kids, we love our school and want to stay	mirademaker@hotmail.com	651.776.0674	896 Lawson Avenue East, St Paul, MN 55106

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195	Michael <b>Rademaker</b>	parent	My daughters love this school and would love to finish out at the school. The board has yet another change to do what is right and best for the kids. I just hope this time they put the kids and education first.	unclefester.mr28@gmail.com	651.477.1513	896 Lawson Avenue East, St Paul, MN 55106
196	Veronica <b>Rademaker</b>	student	please don't forget why you wanted to be a school board member, THE KIDS! please I want my school to stay open	unclefester.mr28@gmail.com	651.776.0674	896 Lawson Avenue East, St Paul, MN 55106
197	Lisa <b>Reaus</b>			lisareau52@msn.com		7320 Oliver Ave So, Richfield, MN
198	Jenny Redmea					1482 Eleanor Ave
199	Lisa <b>Regan</b>			lisajean52@msn.com		7320 Oliver Ave So, Richfield, MN
200	Mark <b>Rehr</b>					MN
201	Tracy <b>Reitmann</b>	parent	To allow crosswinds to become nothing but a memory will probably be one of the worst tragedies members of the EMID board members will ever experience and be a part of in their personal lives. Crosswinds isn't "just" a school, it's become a whole lot more, aspects defining and embodying range from the physical brick and mortar of the building, to the human beings that have crossed through its doors, to the unique one-of-a-kind approach of its teaching/learning program, right down to the essence and energy created from its existence. It's touched the lives of several thousand people so far in its short life, children and adults alike. It should be protected so it can continue, continue to benefit those who otherwise would fail in a standard mainstream learning environment/ program, for those wanting to experience education in a 21st century real world environment of true integration. You've helped create something a lot more special than you realize, please don't let it die.	treitmann@msn.com	651-458-9599	9696 hames ave so., cottage grove, mn 55016
202	Sasha <b>Rentz</b>			bounce sashanicole52@msn.c	con 651-206-9976	2195 Gardenette Dr So, White Bear Lake, MN 551
203	Cornelius <b>Rish</b>	staff	Comments regarding the West Side Story Production: "I had the privilege of seeing "West Side Story" at the Sunday matinee this weekend. I was rendered speechless at the talent, dedication and professionalism of the entire staff for this production. You students never cease to amaze me! Thank you for bringing this amazing production to our school! You are a testament to the wonderful work we do at Crosswinds. Thank you!" "I am still snapping my fingers like a Jet or a Shark after seeing the Crosswind's production of "West Side Story" yesterday afternoon! The costumes and characterizations were created so well, I had to check my program to find out who was really underneath that wig. The message of the production is very Crosswinds. Beautiful, meaningful work Mr. Rish and the entire cast, crew, and support	cornelius.rish@emid6067.net	612-619-3287	10527 Kilbirnie Road, Woodbury, MN 55129

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204	Salma Urrutia Rish	friend				10527 Kilbirnie Road, Woodbury, MN 55129
205	Sandra <b>Robles</b>	parent	We are currently a Harambee family but would like to graduate into a Perpich run Crosswinds family. Thank you.	kothe001@umn.edu	651-779-8773	2031 9th Avenue E, N St. Paul, MN 55109
206	Kathy Romero				612-889-0769	5900 Ashcroft, Edina, MN
207	Candy Rosano				651-222-2738	35 Isabel St W
208	Christine Ross				651-459-0363	7227 65th St, Cottage Grove, MN
209	Jonah Rostron	friend				7057 28Th. St. N. Oakdale, Mn 55128
210	Kyelaya Rostron	friend				7057 28Th. St. N. Oakdale, Mn 55128
211	Micaah Rostrpn	friend				7057 28Th. St. N. Oakdale, Mn 55128
212	Jodi <b>Ruis</b>	friend	We are a Harambee family. I work full time and can't always attend EMID meetings. That does not mean that I don't care about the future of these schools.	j.ruis@comcast.net		140 Larpenteur Ave East, St. Paul MN 55117
213	Sarah <b>Ryan</b>	friend		mnrnsryan@yahoo.com	6127025234	1042 Sims Ave, St. Paul MN 55106
214	Jay <b>S.</b>			bounce jays@theliffey.com	612-850-7910	888 Orange Ave E, Saint Paul, MN 55106
215	Asiyoh <b>S.B.</b>			asiyoh65@gmail.com	651-890-6454	1382 Maryland Ave, St. Paul, MN
216	Alyssa <b>Saby</b>	friend				7057 28Th. St. N. Oakdale, Mn 55128
217	Amber Salzman			ambersalzman@comcast.net	651-500-2731	7130 Bovey Ave, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076
218	Kelly Marie Santini	friend		kmsantini@gmail.com	651-354-0372	700 3rd Ave NE, St. Joseph, MN 56374
219	Ron Schlatter	friend	I am one of the four founding teachers of Crosswinds School. Although I left the school two years ago, I have continued to help share the original mission and vision, history, and accomplishments of our school with the current generation of parents. My sincere hope is for Crosswinds School and its programs to continue for many more years into the future. The State provided the leadership and investment to create this school and I feel it is the responsibility of the current Board of Directors to find the best way to ensure it's healthy future. The Perpich Center for Arts Education has expressed their desire to help make this happen; I feel you should respect their professional judgment when they say they have the administrative, organizational and academic experience to provide the leadership and support necessary to make Crosswinds successful in the future. Our broader metropolitan community needs this school to continue to grow a healthy and effective learning environment, as the Crosswinds community has been shown to do, and to keep exploring effective ways to make education relevant to our students.		612-729-2311	2542 37th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55406
220	John Schleicher	friend		sleepingjesus112@gmail.com	763-301-2676	1250 Jessie Street, Saint Paul, MN 55130
221	Judy Schlenker				701-252-2354	1024 Western Park Village, Jamestown, ND 58401
222	Nathan Schlenker			xwnathans@gmail.com		6496 Scheel Dr., Woodbury, MN 55125
223	Patricia Schlenker	parent	Parent of Lauren, Crosswinds graduate 2012, Nathan, current Crosswinds 10th grader and Kayleigh, current Crosswinds 9th grader.	schlenkerpatricia@yahoo.com	6514884911	6496 Scheel Dr., Woodbury, MN 55125

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224	Roland Schlenker				701-252-2354	1024 Western Park Village, Jamestown, ND
225	Scott Schlenker			scott@schlenker.net	651-488-4911	6496 Scheel Dr., Woodbury, MN 55125
226	Kaliyeh Seldon				651-771-8063	1834 cottage Ave E, St. Paul, MN 55119
227	Bev D. Sellie	parent	Am praying that Crosswinds can stay open!	bdsellie@aol.com	6517387068	2179 Valley View Place, St. Paul, MN 55119
228	Harold Sellie	parent		telecast71@aol.com	651-738-7068	2179 Valley View Place, St. Paul, MN 55119
229	Zander Sellie			zsellie@gmail.com	651-815-5302	2179 Valley View Place, St. Paul, MN 55119
230	Sheila <b>Shackle</b>	friend				1572 Payne avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55130
231	Kelli Shattuck	parent		uhaveafriend73@hotmail.com	6514028959	636 2nd Ave S South St Paul, MN 55075
232	Mike Shattuck	parent		mikeshattuck1@yahoo.com	651-402-3326	636 2nd Avenue South, South St Paul, MN 55075
233	Tony Sherdon				651-292-8401	266 E. Dmophs, #3, West Saint Paul, MN 55118
234	Elizabeth Silva			liz_eo@yahoo.com	651-890-6454	1382 E Minnehaha
235	Mary Socheim			msol726@aol.com	651-746-9200	7696 Upper 24th St N, Oakdale, MN 55128
236	Amanda Stafford	student				16747 W. Iverson St. NE, Columbus, MN 55025
237	Veronica Standish				651-399-7919	2075 lvy
238	Wamy Standish				612-483-1608	645 Trensit
239	Jocelyn Stein	parent		shermanbrick@comcast.net	6517307778	170 Hazel St N, St Paul, MN 55119
240	Mara Stein				651-730-7778	170 Hazel St N, St Paul, MN 55119
241	Troy Stein	parent		troysmn@yahoo.com	(651) 730-7778	170 Hazel St N, St Paul, MN 55119
242	Laurie Stern	friend	parent of a former student	sternlaurie@gmail.com	6515924104	1838 Ashland Ave St. Paul 55104
243	Lashiya <b>Stewart</b> Daneash	parent		bounce shistewart@yahoo.com	763-438-8703	2417 Chilcombe Ave St Paul, MN 55108
244	Melissa Stiller			melstiller@gmail.com	651-338-9734	425 Totem Road, Saint Paul, MN 55116
245	Ani <b>Sward</b>			the2kid@yahoo.com	651-690-2515	1229 Palace Ave St. Paul
246	Amy Taylor	parent		amytaylor26@hotmail.com		1663 3rd St E, Saint Paul, MN 55106
247	Chris <b>Taylor</b>				651-808-2069	1663 3rd St E, Saint Paul, MN 55106
248	Leslye Taylor	parent		leslye@taylormadecreatives.com	651-343-8511	433 Woodhill Drve, Roseville, MN 55113
249	Terrance Taylor	parent		terrance@taylormadecreatives.com	r 651.335.7320	433 Woodhill Drive, Roseville, MN 55113
250	Mikayla <b>Tiure</b>				651-578-2654	2673 Woodbury
251	Mary Tuminelly				651-983-0115	922 Bidwell St., W St. Paul, MN 55118
252	Chris <b>Tyler</b>			chris@tylerconsulting.com	715-273-6132	N5865 County Rd O, Ellsworth, WI 54011
253	Lena Vdakes			lenavdakes@gmail.com	612-991-2515	4600 Chatelain Terr, Golden Valley, MN 55422
254	Tammi <b>Veale</b>			tammiv709@msn.com	651-773-3933	3050 Hazelwood, Maplewood, MN
255	Andrea Villeda	parent		andvilleda@gmail.com		683 Canton St. St. Paul, MN 55102
256	Heidi <b>Vlasak</b>	friend		heidi.vlasak@gmail.com	651-439-9563	4157 Paris Ave N, Stillwater, MN 55082
257	Erin <b>W</b>			bounce vaysgirl080@gmail.com	414-393-8217	1919 East Worwhich
258	Sarah <b>Warner</b>	friend	I am not a parent or student but a friend of a parent as well as a friend of a Crosswinds teacher. I know that Crosswinds has done great things for my friend's child and she is hoping her younger children will be able to attend. My friend who is a teacher I know loves the school and its mission and loves teaching there.	sarah.froggoddess@gmail.com		2805 E Lake St #209, Minneapolis, MN 55406

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259	Tawnia Lea <b>Williams</b>	parent	For an EMID Board Member to state that families that don't attend the meetings don't have the same feeling about Crosswinds remaining open under Perpich to try and undermine the successful transition, is shameful and an attempt to undermine the efforts of many. To that board member, I say that you don't want this transition to happen because you have other ideas or have made agreements with others for the use of this building in advance. Those of us that cannot attend the meetings have other obligations that prevent our presence. That does not change our hope that the transition to Perpich's governance will be successful. My son has done well at Crosswinds and his experiences have allowed him to make friends, feel successful and provided him with a sense of belonging. I believe this to be true for many other students at Crosswinds. To the EMID Families Organizers, kudos to you for your determination, passion, and all of the considerable time and effort you put into getting the word out, and keeping families updated on the latest developments. Please keep up your diligence and know that all of your hard work is greatly appreciated, by me, especially.		651-434-3810	2256 Glenridge Ave, St. Paul, MN 55119
260	Joanne Wunsch	parent		twunsch@msn.com	6518892784	699 Falstaff Rd, Woodbury, MN 55125
261	Timothy Wunsch	parent		twunsch@msn.com	6518953620	6599 Falstaff Rd, Woodbury, MN 55125
262	Lisa <b>Wurm</b>			lisastpaul@msn.com	651-285-7703	9313 1st Ave S, White Bear Lake, MN 55110
263	Dave Zaiman	parent				189 Sterling St N, Maplewood, MN 55119
264	Kim <b>Zaiman</b>	parent		kzaiman@msn.com	651-501-7835	189 Sterling St N, Maplewood, MN 55119
265	Mona <b>Zapata</b>	parent	Me and my family would really really like this school to stay open as long as it can because my son really has gotten so much better since being in this type of school and we still have two more kids we would love to send their also. So please keep this school open.	zapatamona@yahoo.com	651-340-3977	13 Bryce ave ugh,mn 55076
266	Jo			jo45n93w@comcast.net	952-831-7286	9125 Forest Button, MN
267	Michael			michaelahops@prodigy.net	763-413-3521	20154 Marmon East Bethel
268	Sara	student	I really, really love this school! It's small, but that only makes it easier to get to know all of the wonderful people here. Please, Perpidge????	imalive314@gmail.com		363 2nd Ave S. SSP MN 55075

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The symbol of a dandelion came about during the 2013 legislative session. One mom who was at the capitol day after day realized that spring had sprung and suddenly dandelions were all over her yard. After a pang of dismay, she realized that dandelions were exactly what we had to be! We had to spring up at the capitol at a moment's notice, spread the seed of our message across the state, and keep coming back, no matter what happened. She challenged us to be dandelions.

As we thought about it, we realized there were other reasons to embrace dandelions. A dandelion is often called a weed, but a weed is simply a plant that's growing in a place where you don't want it. Many people suffering from white privilege see integration as a weed. But for those of us who care about it, integration is a wonderful plant that we're sharing widely! Dandelions were actually a staple, in years past, and can be made into wine, salads, and other tasty things; they are also very important medicinally, with lots of pharmacologically active elements in them.

> So, join us, be a dandelion for integration, for Crosswinds and Harambee, for our kids and the future students of Minnesota!

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