



**PERPICH**  
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June 9, 2017

Dear Parents of Crosswinds students,

We are deeply saddened to inform you that Crosswinds School will close July 1, 2017 because of changes to Minnesota law. Under the new law, the Perpich Center for Arts Education will not have legal authority to operate the Crosswinds school.

**The last day of school will be Friday, June 23, 2017**, pending a special meeting of the Perpich board of directors on June 14, 2017. Look for further communications about year-end events.

Under the new law, as soon as practicable after July 1, 2017, the school will be offered for sale by the Commissioner of Administration through a process outlined in state law called the Surplus Property statute and conveyance to another school district is not an option.

We are heartbroken for you, your children, and Crosswinds' dedicated faculty and staff that our request to the legislature that Crosswinds be conveyed to St. Paul Public Schools was not the outcome of this year's legislative process.

By June 30, 2017, students' resident school districts will have all student academic records. When choosing your student's next school, all records requests should go to your resident school district. If you have questions about school records, contact Crosswinds at 651-539-2600.

If you have specific questions about school choice and would like assistance in evaluating enrollment options for your student, please contact Cindy Jackson, at the Minnesota Department of Education. Her email is [cindy.s.jackson@state.mn.us](mailto:cindy.s.jackson@state.mn.us). Phone number is: 651-582-8572.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Perpich Board of Directors

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