

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Administration Building
360 Colborne Street**

**April 15, 2013
4:30 PM**

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Action Regarding Metropolitan Learning Alliance 2

V. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

- A. Action to schedule Closed Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. for purpose of an update on labor negotiations.

VI. ADJOURNMENT



**SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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RESOLUTION FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE METROPOLITAN LEARNING ALLIANCE

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Public Schools ("SPPS") Board of Education is a party to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Metropolitan Learning Alliance ("MLA"), with the Minneapolis, Bloomington and Richfield School districts. And

WHEREAS, MLA has been operating a school housed in the Mall of America in Bloomington since 1992, and

WHEREAS, the Mall of America has not renewed the MLA's lease that terminates on June 30, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the cost to move to alternative space within the Mall of America would be too expensive to allow the program to sustain operations, and

WHEREAS, the Mall of America site is intrinsic to the MLA academic program and integrated into its current strategic plan, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of MLA has recommended dissolution of the Metropolitan Learning Alliance, and

WHEREAS, the SPPS Board and Superintendent believe that ending the program would be in the best interest of MLA students, who have comparable academic options through other District and alternative schools, and

WHEREAS, SPPS School Board Director Keith Hardy is the District's Representative on the Metropolitan Learning Alliance Board of Directors,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Independent School District No. 625 approves the dissolution of The Metropolitan Learning Alliance effective June 30, 2013, and authorize Director Hardy to vote to dissolve the Joint Powers Agreement for the Metropolitan Learning Alliance and take any other necessary steps to reach final dissolution, including agreement on the distribution of assets, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors direct the Superintendent to assure appropriate placements for the Saint Paul students now attending MLA.

Signed by:

Jean O'Connell
Board of Education Chair

Date

Louise Seeba
Board of Education Clerk

Date