



**FOREST LAKE AREA SCHOOLS
FOREST LAKE, MN 55025**

January 4, 2018

AGENDA ITEM: 11.14

TOPIC: REFERENDUM REVIEW

BACKGROUND:

The November 7th referendum election included two questions, one related to an increase in the district's operating levy, and the other to address facility needs related to arts and athletics. Both questions failed on a margin of 43% in favor to 57% opposed. A series of steps and measures are recommended to engage the community to learn why the referendum questions failed to continue to make the case for these two funding needs.

PROCESS:

1. Post-election survey conducted by Morris Leatherman (Early January)
 - a. Households without school age children who voted (N = 250)
 - b. Parents who voted (N = 250)
 - c. Parents who did not vote (N = 250)

2. Community Conversations
 - a. Linwood Senior Center, January 30th, 6:00 p.m.
 - b. Columbus City Hall: February 5, 6:00 p.m.
 - c. Lino Lakes City Hall, February 12, 6:00 p.m.
 - d. Wyoming, Split Rocks, February 20, 6:00 p.m.
 - e. Scandia Community Center, February 26, 6:00 p.m.
 - f. Forest Lake American Legion, February 27, 6:00 p.m.

3. School Funding Task Force
 - a. Tuesday, March 6, 6-8 pm
 - b. Tuesday, March 20, 6-8 pm
 - c. Tuesday, March 27, 6-8 pm
 - d. Tuesday, April 10, 6-8 pm

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval of the proposed Post-Election Review Plan