



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

December 1, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: 9.12

TOPIC: Re-examine and Explore Partnerships with the YMCA

BACKGROUND: The school district has explored and implemented various partnerships with the YMCA over the past few years. One of the partnerships that was agreed upon by the school district and the YMCA centered around an aquatics center that would have been built at the Forest Lake YMCA location. The plans were halted when approval could not be garnered from the Forest Lake City Council for the project. At the time, there were discussions to revisit this partnership at a later date.

PROCESS: The Forest Lake YMCA has had a very successful start, including exceeding membership expectations. The School District continues to work on "Reshaping Opportunities for Success 2015-2020" which resulted from the passage of the \$143 million bond proposal in November 2015. In continuing to examine all avenues for providing quality facilities for our students, it is an appropriate time to re-examine an aquatics partnership, as well as explore other facilities and program partnerships.

RECOMMENDATION: Direct the administration to re-examine and explore partnerships with the YMCA and report back to the school board in January 2017.