



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

December 6, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: 9.4

**TOPIC: Election Equipment Cost Sharing Joint Powers
Agreement**

BACKGROUND: Anoka County has election voting equipment that is in need of replacement. The equipment and its software run on a DOS platform that is no longer supported, and new units and parts are no longer available in the marketplace.

Anoka County Staff have procured grant funds issued through the Help America Vote Act to partially offset the cost of the replacement.

PROCESS: A task force, comprised of city and school administrators and board members is recommending adoption of a joint powers agreement between election jurisdictions in Anoka County that establishes Anoka County as the sole owner of the voting equipment system and calls for a nominal annual fee to be paid to the county by cities and school districts to supplement system costs.

The administration urges approval of this collaborative effort, and is pleased with the minimal cost that should not affect our operations.

RECOMMENDATION: The administration is recommending approval of the attached joint powers agreement.