



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

September 17, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: 7.2

**TOPIC: RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR K-12
FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2026-2027 SY WITH THE EXCEPTION
OF THE STEP AND THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

BACKGROUND: The school district usually welcomes and encourages open enrollment. Given the current state of FLAS enrollment numbers, accepting new students through open enrollment creates a strain on our schools.

PROCESS: Throughout the summer and the first month of the school year, open enrollment was encouraged and welcomed. Serving new students from outside of the school district while managing changing boundaries places undue strain on our school systems. Enrollment will remain open for transfers from local charter schools or private schools, home school students and students who live in or move into the school district.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval to close open enrollment for K-12 students with the exception of the STEP and the Community School. Becoming effective Monday, September 21, 2026.