



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

**August 3, 2017**

**AGENDA ITEM: 9.1**

**TOPIC:** Discussion of Community Survey and Related Levy/Bond Discussion

**BACKGROUND:** During the 2016-2017 School Year, a strategic planning team comprised of district staff and community members met to update the district's strategic plan. Three strategies were developed by the team:

1. We will enhance the Forest Lake Area Schools identity as a comprehensive academic, athletic, and arts educational leader resulting in high levels of community pride and support.
2. We will secure the financial and human resources necessary to support premier instructional, athletic, and arts programs and facilities.
3. We will ensure an effective and efficient transition to the new junior high and high school communities.

A community task force was developed to address the strategy related to resources. This team was led by Board Member Peterson. Two recommendations were made by this team:

1. Operating Referendum increasing the district's operating levy;
2. Bond Referendum to address outdoor athletic needs.

The school board asked for a community survey to assess community support for a proposed referendum and bond election. The survey was conducted by Morris-Leatherman.

**PROCESS:** Receive survey results, discussion of potential operating and bond referendum for November election.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Discussion of potential operating and bond referendum for the November election.