



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

**May 31, 2012**

**AGENDA ITEM: 10.2**

**TOPIC: Leasing School Buses Using State Of Minnesota  
Contract Pricing**

**BACKGROUND:** The Minnesota Department of Education allows Bus Leasing. Limited funding has forced school districts to examine alternatives ways to replace older school buses. Forest Lake Area Schools has been leasing regular and special education busses for several years. The school district's finance committee supports using bus leasing to replace some of the district's aging fleet.

**PROCESS:** Due to the increased age of the current fleet of buses, the Transportation Department is requesting permission to lease ten, 77 passenger school buses and to trade-in ten of its' 71 passenger school buses using the State Bid Contract with Hogleund Bus Company. The Transportation Department is also requesting to lease eight wheelchair lift buses using the State Bid Contract with Hogleund Bus Company. The proposed lease rates are lower and the trade-in values are slightly higher than we received last school year.

**RECOMMENDATION:** First reading.