



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

**April 5, 2018**

**AGENDA ITEM: 9.8**

**TOPIC: Approve 2018-2019 School Calendar Adjustment**

**BACKGROUND:**

The high school leadership team is requesting to adjust the start of the school year for students. The first day of school (September 4) will be reserved for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students, all of whom will be new to the high school next year. Students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade, therefore, will start on the second day of school (September 5). The first day of school for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will be used for orientation and introduction to teachers and classes.

**PROCESS:**

Creating an effective and meaningful transition to the high school is important for students. The high school leadership team has researched models other schools use to transition new students to the high school. In previous years, students attended an orientation program the week before the start of the school year. Not all students were able to attend the program and attendance was not required.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of school calendar adjustment.