



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

May 12, 2011

AGENDA ITEM: 3

**TOPIC: ADOPT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LILA
LEGISLATION**

BACKGROUND: We have worked with LILA for five years to create a secondary language program that supports the elementary immersion program LILA provides. As we have worked with staff from LILA, we began the discussion of how we could better serve our students and families in the area. We had many discussions and decided to move ahead with talking to Representative Bob Dettmer and Senator Ray Vandever to pursue legislation that would allow LILA to become part of our school district as part of a pilot program. This legislation would allow this to happen, but it would still require the action of both school boards to implement the pilot.

PROCESS:

Legislation has been introduced in the House and Senate, and members of our school district and LILA have testified at hearings this legislative session. The School Board has been informed of the progress along the way and members have testified as well. We have not, however, had formal action to support the legislation.

RECOMMENDATION: Pass a resolution supporting the proposed legislation which is attached.