



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

December 1, 2011

AGENDA ITEM: 9.7

**TOPIC: APPROVE ADVANCED PLACEMENT SPANISH
LITERATURE**

BACKGROUND: As the partnership that has developed between Lakes International Language Academy (LILA) and Forest Lake Area Schools continues, we are looking to provide further opportunities for courses of interest to LILA immersion students who have moved into the FLAS secondary system. We are also hoping to provide further opportunities for college credit for high achieving world language students who have come up through our system or have open enrolled to our district because of such choices.

PROCESS: Discussions between LILA, Southwest Jr. High, and Forest Lake Area High School have led to the creation of opportunities for content area courses taught in Spanish for students entering the FLAS secondary system. As students move to the high school setting, we hope to provide opportunities for Spanish language options through a student's senior year. With LILA students coming to the high school ready for a hybrid Spanish IV class as 10th graders, they will be eligible for CIS Spanish V as juniors. By adding Advanced Placement Spanish Literature, students will have that option as seniors. This also broadens the offerings for other capable world language students. The Spanish teachers at the high school are working to provide challenging opportunities so that students will have choice in a World Language offering throughout their career.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of proposed new course offering, AP Spanish Literature to be included in the Forest Lake Area High School course registration guide for the 2012-13 school year.