



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

**August 5, 2010**

**AGENDA ITEM: 9.6**

**TOPIC: APPROVE TAX LEVY CALENDAR**

**BACKGROUND:** The School Board annually determines the property tax levy hearing date at the August School Board meeting. Attached is information from the Department of Revenue regarding allowable Truth in Taxation hearing dates for property taxes payable in 2011.

**PROCESS:** The Minnesota Legislature changed the laws relating to “Truth in Taxation” during the 2009 legislative session.

Guidance received from the Minnesota Department of Revenue and the Minnesota Department of Education indicates that a school district must certify the proposed property tax levy to the county by September 30. Our school district usually sets aside the “committee meeting” date of September 9, 2010 to certify the proposed property tax levy.

In addition, school districts must conduct a property tax hearing for the public between November 25 and December 26. The meeting may be part of a regularly-scheduled School Board Meeting. The School Board can act to certify the final adopted property tax levy the same evening.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Administration recommends conducting the Truth in Taxation Hearing in conjunction with the Regular School Board Meeting on December 2, 2010. The administration further recommends holding that hearing at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room at the district office.