



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

**February 6, 2014**

**AGENDA ITEM:** 10.6

**TOPIC:** Consideration of Make-Up Days

**BACKGROUND:** The weather this year has been difficult for school districts across the state. Because of the number of cancellations, mainly due to cold weather, districts are discussing if days need to be made up and, if so, when.

In Forest Lake Area Schools, we have not reached the minimum number of student contact days of 165. However, we have cancelled school five days.

**PROCESS:** Discussions have taken place with administrative council, FLEA, Lakes International Language Academy, North Lakes Academy and St. Peters regarding make-up days. Discussions have also taken place with area superintendents as well.

There appears to be agreement that some make-up days should occur.

There are some differences regarding when those days should occur.

Options for make-up days include, but are not limited to,

February 17 – District wide in-service

March 10 -14 – Spring Break

March 31 – Teacher workday

April 18 – Good Friday

May 26 – Memorial Day

Adding days onto the end of the year in June

Adding minutes onto each day

Making up days during spring break or in June are the least desirable. Many families have plans established for spring break. Adding days in June is difficult because of plans already established for the summer for families and staff. It also makes it difficult to get everything ready for the start of summer school if the school year is extended.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Administration recommends making up two or three days from the options listed, excluding spring break and additional days in June.