



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

**May 5, 2011**

**AGENDA ITEM: 9.1**

**TOPIC: Lino Lakes PDS Scope of Work Agreement with the  
University of Minnesota Teacher Education Redesign  
Initiative (TERI)**

**BACKGROUND:** At the June 3, 2010, School Board Meeting, members approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the University of Minnesota Teacher Education Redesign Initiative (TERI) and Forest Lake Area Schools. This MOU allowed FLAS to continue discussions of participation with the University concerning TERI. FLAS entered into this partnership with the intention of exploring the creation of Professional Development School (PDS) sites. These sites would welcome teacher candidates (student teachers) from the University. The teacher candidates would be placed at a site for the school year, and become an integral part of the school community, taking part in the implementation of a co-teaching model at the site. The University would provide professional development for the sites and teacher candidates.

**PROCESS:** Throughout the 2010-11 school year, administration and staff from Lino Lakes Elementary and Forest Lake Area High School, along with district level administration have continued in discussion with the University of Minnesota. Staff from Lino Lakes has had preliminary discussions around the co-teaching model and have been introduced more fully to the TERI philosophy. One staff member, along with principal, Ron Burris, will attend training with University personnel in the upcoming months. Lino Lakes is positioned to begin a partnership as a PDS during the 2011-12 school year, hoping to welcome between one and five teaching candidates as part of the staff. In order to continue the partnership initiated with Forest Lake Area Schools, the attached School Scope of Work Agreement has been created to outline the responsibilities of the University of Minnesota and Lino Lakes within this partnership. The document is presented to the School Board as information of the on-going collaboration around TERI. A new MOU that outlines continuing work between the District and the University will be forthcoming before fall 2011.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of the School Scope of Work Agreement created for Lino Lakes Elementary in connection to the University of Minnesota Teacher Education Redesign Initiative.