



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

May 31, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: 9.1

TOPIC: CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF FLAAA ARENA

BACKGROUND: The Forest Lake Area Athletic Association (FLAAA) approached the school district administration in December 2011 offering the school district a “first look” at acquiring the hockey arena. The school district appointed a task force with representatives from the city, school district and FLAAA to review the possibility. The first action of the task force was to recommend that the school district hire an independent firm to conduct a feasibility study.

Ehlers and Associates conducted the feasibility study and Ms. Jodie Zesbaugh from Ehlers and Associates investigated the possible acquisition of the arena. This information has been shared at Buildings and Grounds, Staff Welfare and Finance Committees, as well as with the entire School Board.

PROCESS: At the May 1 School Board meeting, the School Board directed the superintendent to meet with Forest Lake Mayor Chris Johnson to discuss the city’s involvement with the FLAAA Arena.

RECOMMENDATION: Report on the action taken by the Forest Lake City Council and continued discussion of the potential purchase of the FLAAA Arena.