



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

September 21, 2017

AGENDA ITEM: 4.5

TOPIC: Referendum Spending Priorities

BACKGROUND: At the August 3rd, School Board meeting, the board approved a proposal to revoke and replace the existing operating levy with a \$750/student increase. If successful, this proposal would generate an additional \$4.9 Million for eight years.

PROCESS: The district has made \$5.6 Million in budget adjustments the last three years due to limited resources and has reduced its operating fund balance from \$8.5 million to close to \$2.0 million. During this time, class size averages have increased, programs and services have been reduced, and the district has struggled to attract and retain the best teachers and educators.

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion and vote on referendum spending priorities