



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

**August 1, 2013**

**AGENDA ITEM: 10.1**

**TOPIC: Day Treatment Program**

**BACKGROUND:** The incidence of mental illness in young children and adolescence continues to rise nationally. The students in Forest Lake Area Schools are not an exception to that trend. School districts have an obligation to meet the educational needs of all students, including students with mental illnesses that interfere with their ability to learn. Due to increasing needs in neighboring school districts, the district no longer has the option to place FLAS students with mental health needs in the programs we have used in the past. The district needs to consider developing a day treatment program to meet students' educational and mental health needs.

**PROCESS:** The board will need to consider the following:

- 1) number of students with mental health needs
- 2) programming model
- 3) staffing requirements
- 4) location of a possible future day treatment program

**RECOMMENDATION: First Reading of Consideration of a Future Day Treatment Program**