



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

April 4, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: 9.1

TOPIC: Report from the Facilities Task Force

BACKGROUND: During the last strategic planning process, the final document approved by the school board included the following strategy and action plan.

Strategy VI: We will develop a process to review facility and technology needs and implement an action plan.

Action Plan:

1. Establish a committee that meets regularly to identify future needs and investigate trends in the areas of technology and building & grounds, evaluating their potential value to the Forest Lake Area School District and offering recommendations for future growth in both areas. (Possible to have two different committees – one for technology and one for buildings & grounds.)
2. Establish a school district-wide program to encourage employees and community members to make suggestions for improving district facilities and technology by making facilities/technology more efficient or effective, increasing savings and/or improving safety.

PROCESS: Invitations were sent to individuals, as well as a general invitation included the Forest Lake Times and on the district website to encourage community members and staff to join the Facilities Task Force. Numerous meetings have been held that include several evening meetings and three full day Saturday meetings. The Task Force has shown an incredible amount of dedication, expertise and commitment as they carefully reviewed our current facilities and made recommendations for the future. The Facilities Task Force comes before the School Board this evening to present their work.

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the report and recommendations from the Facilities Task Force. (The acceptance of the report does not indicate agreement but rather an acknowledgement of the work completed.) Determine next steps in the process.