



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

January 3, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: 11.4

TOPIC: APPROVE NEW BUSINESS COURSE: MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

BACKGROUND: The secondary Business Department has engaged in conversation about ways to build a comprehensive 7-12 program. By providing students at the junior high setting the opportunity to sample courses that provide a glimpse into the business world, the department is working to develop four tracks within the Business Department starting at grade 9 and culminating at graduation. Developing these tracks requires some realignment of course work at various levels and the addition of new courses to provide opportunities in management and leadership, computer programming, finance, and law.

PROCESS: In review of existing courses within the Business Department, the decision was made to create new classes for a Marketing and Management Track. Management and Leadership will provide students the opportunity to take the lead in an actual non profit business to be run and managed by the participants in the course. Students will create the business plan for a non profit organization, take an active role in leading the organization, organize all elements of the business and enact levels of control. Students will be engaged with problem solving, managing conflict, communication and management of a team, as well as accounting/finance, and legal considerations.

The department is committed to preparing students for the world of work and developing skills that will enhance their personal and professional lives.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve New Course: Management and Leadership.