



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

December 1, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: 10.1

TOPIC: First Reading of the Legislative Platform

BACKGROUND: Adopting a legislative platform allows the school district to provide a consistent message when communicating with legislators.

PROCESS: In dealing with the almost annual need to make budget reductions for the upcoming year, it is clear that one of our areas of advocacy to deal with this inequity is the legislators that represent the citizens of our school district.

Besides identifying the issue(s), we need to also provide solutions to our legislators that are fair, reasonable and within their power to accomplish. There are three solutions we are providing that meet these criteria.

1. Provide 4% each year on the General Education Formula Allowance.
2. Reimburse Forest Lake Area Schools for funding that exceeds the Transportation Sparsity Allowance provided under the current transportation formula.
3. Include Forest Lake Area Schools in the list of districts eligible for Alternative Facilities Funding.

RECOMMENDATION: First reading of the legislative platform.