



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

April 3, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: 10.6

TOPIC: School Bus Leasing

BACKGROUND: The Minnesota Department of Education allows Bus Leasing. Limited funding has forced school districts to examine alternatives ways to replace older school buses. Forest Lake Area Schools has been leasing regular and special education busses for several years. The school district's finance committee supports using bus leasing to replace some of the district's aging fleet.

PROCESS: The Transportation Department is requesting permission to lease 4 new, 2015- 77 passenger school buses and to re-lease 10 new, 2015-77 passenger school buses using the Minnesota State Bid Contract with Hogleund Bus Company. The Transportation Department is also requesting to re-lease 8 used 2013 wheelchair lift buses with engine and power train warranties from the Hogleund Bus Company.

RECOMMENDATION: The Administration recommends leasing buses according to the description above and the attached documents from Hogleund Bus Company.