



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

November 14, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: 10.3

TOPIC: New Course Proposal – English 11

BACKGROUND:

In response to a need for a more comprehensive approach to English Language Arts in grades 9-12, the English Department reviewed current course offerings to determine opportunities that would better support our students in career and college readiness.

PROCESS:

The English Department determined that the development of this new course, *English 11*, would ensure all students were mastering Writing, Informative text, and Fiction text standards prior to their 12th grade year; eliminate a “gap” year in English that some students were experiencing in 11th grade; and support increased student achievement on standardized and college preparatory tests in 11th and 12th grade, while still providing choice for an English elective in their 12th grade year. The course outline and content overview accompanies this course proposal.

RECOMMENDATION: First Reading of Proposed New Course

**To be offered in 20-21 pending Board Approval*