



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

December 1, 2011

AGENDA ITEM: 9.3

TOPIC: Certify 2011 Property Taxes Payable in 2012

BACKGROUND: The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) annually transmits the proposed property tax levy to school districts in the beginning of the month of September. The proposed “maximum” levy has been certified to the counties and MDE before the end of September. Counties send out proposed notices of property tax to all the owners in the middle of November. Our specific proposed property tax levy is reviewed at the Truth in Taxation Hearings earlier this evening. After the hearing requirement has been met, the Final Property Tax Levy Payable is certified by the School Board.

PROCESS: Due to the extended shutdown by the State of Minnesota, final property tax data has been delayed by the Minnesota Department of Education.

As soon as the Minnesota Department of Education transmits our levy limitation, I will forward it to the School Board.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends the board Certify the 2011 Property Taxes Payable in 2012 to the Minnesota Department of Education and Washington County.