



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

March 1, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: 9.3

TOPIC: APPROVE CIS SPANISH IV COURSE

BACKGROUND: Spanish students at Forest Lake Area High School have been able to enroll and complete College in the Schools (CIS) Spanish V for a number of years. In looking at options to expand opportunities for accelerated students, as well as immersion students who are now entering the high school environment, conversation began around offering Spanish IV as a CIS course.

PROCESS: The World Language Department, in particular the Spanish Department, has been engaged with staff members from Southwest and LILA as we try to expand course opportunities for LILA Immersion students who have begun to move into the high school setting. This past year a Spanish 4.5 course was offered and met some needs in this area. With the increased language proficiency of incoming students, the department is looking to provide more options for Spanish elective choice and the ability to earn college credit. In the past we were not able to offer Spanish IV as a CIS course for 10th graders because 10th graders could not earn college credit. Through exploration with the University of MN, Duluth, and Southwest Minnesota State, we now think we will be able to offer CIS Spanish IV for 10th graders and beyond to earn college credit. A course outline is not attached to this proposal as the specific course outline will depend on which post-secondary institution becomes connected with offering this course.

The course has been advertised in the most recent registration guide, with the caveat, "Pending Board Approval." This request was first reviewed by the School Board at the February 2nd meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the proposal to offer CIS Spanish IV during the 2012-13.