



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

March 1, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: 9.4

TOPIC: APPROVE CIS FRENCH IV COURSE

BACKGROUND: French students at Forest Lake Area High School have been able to enroll and complete College in the Schools (CIS) French V for a number of years. In looking at options to expand opportunities for accelerated students, conversation began around offering French IV as a CIS offering.

PROCESS: The World Language Department has been engaged in trying to expand course opportunities for accelerated students at the high school. The French department is looking to provide more options for elective choice and the ability to earn college credit. In the past French IV has not been offered as a CIS course. With renewed conversation and agreement with Southwest Minnesota State, the department is proposing to offer French IV as a CIS course for 2012 - 13. With scheduling constraints and course sequence, the course would be available to 11th and 12th grade students. A course outline is not attached to this proposal because further work is needed to update the current outline to include more writing per the request of Southwest Minnesota State.

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 request to offer CIS French IV during the 2012-13 school year.