



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

May 4, 2017

AGENDA ITEM: 9.1

TOPIC: PAUL & SUZANNE HANIFL FOUNDATION PERFORMING ARTS MATCHING GRANT

BACKGROUND: The Senior High School Administration has been in discussions with members of the Children's Performing Arts group over the last 15 months. The discussions have centered around developing a \$300,000 matching grant to improve various components of the High School Auditorium. Ms. Sharon Hanifl-Lee has offered access to their family foundation in exchange for priority scheduling for the Children's Performing Arts group and the Masquers Theater group.

PROCESS: School District legal counsel created the draft of the grant agreement and the two facility use agreements. In exchange for \$300,000 from the Hanifl foundation, the school district will use Long Term Facility Maintenance dollars to fund \$600,000 worth of improvements to the High School Auditorium. The School district will also extend rent free use of the Auditorium over the next 20 years to the Masquers Theater group and also to Children's Performing Arts group.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Paul & Suzanne Hanifl Foundation Performing Arts Matching Grant