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**South Washington County Schools**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

TO: Members of the School Board  
Keith Jacobus, Superintendent

FROM: Michael T. Vogel, Interim Director of Facilities and Construction  
Management

DATE: October 10, 2017

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: Designation of a School Forest at Lake Middle School

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: Board Policy 603 – Curriculum Development

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Approve

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: October 18, 2017

**REPORT**

Lake Middle School Science Teacher Brian Eberhardt has worked with the DNR to establish a school forest at Lake Middle School. The school agrees to do at least 5 educational activities in the outdoor classroom each year and complete a short online survey at the end of each year. The DNR provides a free stewardship plan and management advice, free teacher workshops, trainings and conferences and free educational resources. The school agrees to follow a plan to ensure the area is managed well. The school also designates a Site Coordinator and a School Forest Committee. Lake Middle School administration has reviewed the requirements and approves of the designation.

Designation as a School Forest requires board approval of the attached resolution which also contains the meet and bounds description of the school forest area.

Attachment: Resolution Establishing a School Forest at Lake Middle School

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL FOREST  
AT LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

BE IT RESOLVED by the School board of Independent School District No. 833 as follows:

1. South Washington County School District No 833 approves the establishment and maintenance of the Lake Middle School Forest and outdoor classroom comprising of approximately 10.2 acres described as:

Beginning at the SW corner of the E ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 21, Township 28, Range 21 going north 695.5 feet then east 1128.8 feet, then south westerly 20 degrees for 100 feet, then southwesterly 61 degrees for 1259 feet to the point of beginning

2. And supports enrollment of said School Forest in the Minnesota DNR School Forest Program for educational Purposes



Dated October 18, 2017

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

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School District Clerk  
Independent School District No 833