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SUBJECT: **MICROSOFT VISTA OPERATING SYSTEM**

Microsoft Corporation has announced the release of their new operating system named **Windows Vista**. Microsoft and computer vendors are offering several versions of the new operating system ranging from a "Home Basic version" to an "Ultimate version." Schools or individuals may receive update notices for Vista from a variety of sources. This document details the District's plan for certifying to the Vista operating system and provides guidance to schools and offices.

The District has met with our hardware vendor responsible for distributing new computers to the schools and offices. They have indicated that it will be a few more weeks before all of our contracted hardware manufacturers (HP, Lenovo, Gateway, and Dell) will be shipping equipment with the new Vista operating system. It is anticipated that this equipment would not be available to the District prior to March 2007 at which time computers with the Vista operating system will be provided to the District for certifying all our standard applications, including but not limited to ISIS, BTS, CLAS and Welligent.

It is not expected for Vista to be available on District purchased computers until the new fiscal year to assure that all District applications work with Vista. Until that time, ITD recommends that no school or office computer equipment be upgraded to any version of Vista. Doing so may cause conflicts with District applications. The District will not be able to provide any services for computers with Vista installed including Help Desk or Technician support.

For those who have an instructional interest in the consumer (Home) version of Vista, there are currently no viable licensing vehicles available to the District to distribute this upgrade or for the District to purchase or install this version. The District has initiated discussions with Microsoft on the licensing of Vista and will communicate more information when it becomes available.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Help Desk at (323) 224-2277.