TECHNOLOGY PATCH RELEASED TODAY

A special e-mail was sent to District Chief Information Officers (CIOs) this morning with information on a technology patch being released later this afternoon. A computer update will be installed that will impact computers running Windows 7. If your district has Windows 7, please see specific details below (highlight added).

District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) who have schools testing online next week are encouraged to contact their district technology staff to discuss and if needed, develop a plan.

*Note: the e-mail below sent to CIOs referenced end-of-course testing. It should reference summative testing.

District CIOs,

Hope this message finds each of you well and looking forward to a good summer. Today, we will be taking the unusual step of releasing Windows Updates during the End of Course assessment window. This vulnerability is serious -- Microsoft has even released updates for Windows XP and Windows Server 2003, which are well past their end of support dates. If your district is still administering online assessments, we ask that you try to leave your workstations powered on over the weekend, so they can update/reboot before students need to start assessments on Monday. Please see below for patch release details.

Executive Summary


While we can release updates for Windows 7, Windows Server 2008, and Windows Server 2008 R2 through our managed WSUS offering, we are unable to do the same for Windows XP and Windows Server 2003. If you are still running these unsupported operating systems, there are 2 things you need to know - (1) we strongly recommend migrating to a supported operating system, and (2) you will need to manually download and install the patch on these systems (https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/4500705/customer-guidance-for-cve-2019-0708).

Security Vulnerability Details

Published details for security vulnerability CVE-2019-0708 | Remote Desktop Services Remote Code Execution Vulnerability:

**Patch Release Details**

We will be releasing this update on **May 17** for all Windows 7, Windows Server 2008, and Windows Server 2008 R2 machines. This update should require a reboot.

With online testing still occurring, we ask that you leave your Windows 7 workstations **powered on over the weekend**, so this patch can install and reboot before Monday morning. If that is not possible and your district is administering online assessments on Monday, May 20th, we strongly suggest having your Windows 7 workstations that are being used for assessment be powered on as early as possible Monday morning.

Please contact the KETS Service Desk @ 866.KETS.HELP (866.538.7435) or ketshelp@education.ky.gov if you need assistance.

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