

MEMORANDUM

May 20, 2003

TO: All Locations

FROM: Information Technology Services (ITS)

SUBJECT: **VIRUS ALERT - W32/PALYTH@MM**

All Internet and Outlook e-mail users should be on the lookout for a virus called W32/Palyh@mm. This arrives as an e-mail pretending to be from support@microsoft.com and arrives with an attachment that mass mails itself to e-mail addresses that are extracted from files on the victim's machine.

The virus may arrive in an e-mail with the following characteristics:

From: support@microsoft.com <<mailto:support@microsoft.com>>

Subject: Re: My application
Re: Movie
Cool screensaver
Screensavers
Re: My details
Your password
Re: Approved (Ref: 3394-65467)
Approved (Ref: 38446-263)

These messages are being cleaned by the District's AntiVirus Software and are **NOT** infected with a virus. Users should delete the messages without opening them.

All locations are reminded that it is the responsibility of each user to update their VirusScan software. Each user should set their VirusScan software to update DAT files on a weekly basis. Instructions for scheduling the VirusScan software to update automatically are available from the following website:

[<http://oit.dadeschools.net/virus.htm>](http://oit.dadeschools.net/virus.htm)

If you do not have McAfee installed on your computer, information for obtaining the District's free McAfee antivirus software is available at the following website:

[<http://techsupport.dadeschools.net/Antivirus.htm>](http://techsupport.dadeschools.net/Antivirus.htm)

Users have also reported receiving an e-mail message regarding this virus from Michele Williams, Education Consultant/Advocate (e-mail id: fape4kids@netzero.net). Users should be aware that this is a valid warning and not a hoax.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please call Support Services at 305-995-3705(0).