

MEMORANDUM

January 27, 2004

TO: All Locations

FROM: Information Technology Services (ITS)

Subject: **VIRUS ALERT – W32/MYDOOM@MM**

Internet and Outlook e-mail users need to be on the look out for the “**W32/Mydoom@MM**” virus. Mydoom is an Internet worm that once activated opens Windows Notepad and fills it with nonsense characters. The worm then tries to spread via email and by copying itself to the shared directory for Kazaa clients, if they are present. Users should immediately delete any email containing the following characteristics:

From: Bogus addresses

Subject : Random (test, Error, Status, Server Report, mail Transaction Failed Mail Delivery, hi, hello)

Body: Varies

Attachment: Varies, but often arrives as an exe, .PIF, .CMD or .SCR in a ZIP archive that is 22,528 bytes

This message is being cleaned by the District's AntiVirus Software and is **NOT** infected with a virus. When cleaned by the District's AntiVirus Software, the attachment will have the name 'alert.txt'. If you receive this message and the attachment does not have 'alert.txt', **do not** open the attachment. In all cases, users should delete the message without opening it.

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://its.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://it.dadeschools.net/virus.htm>

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