Executive Numbered Memo 003-2009-10 - Retirement of MAC OS 9 and Windows 98 Operating Systems for Online Testing in 2010-2011

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TO: Superintendents and District Test Coordinators
RE: Retirement of Mac 9 and Windows 98 Operating Systems for Online Testing in 2010-2011

Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, ODE's test vendor, American Institutes for Research (AIR), will no longer support Mac 9 or Windows 98 Operating Systems for use in online testing, including both OAKS Online and ELPA.

AIR has determined that Mac 9 and Windows 98 are incompatible with several enhancements to the test delivery system slated for deployment by 2010-11. These enhancements include:

- The ability to accurately display new, interactive item types.
- Automated read-aloud accommodation.
- Security enhancements to the Secure Browser alerting users to forbidden applications running when the Secure Browser is launched.

AIR will continue to support both Mac 9 and Windows 98 Operating Systems for the duration of the 2009-10 school year.