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AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW MCAFEE VIRUS  
SCANNING SOFTWARE USER LICENSES AND PHONE  
SUPPORT SERVICES

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REPORT: Information Technology Services (ITS) wishes to renew 4,000 user licenses for McAfee Virus Scanning Software. This software provides virus protection for students in college labs (the licenses also allow all current students to use the virus scanning software on their home systems), as well as for all college faculty and staff desktops. It also provides protection for college email and network servers. These licenses must be renewed every two years, and renewal includes all software upgrades, virus updates and standard support (email/web). Phone support services, where you can get assistance from an actual technician, are also available for an additional cost. The total cost for the license renewals, including phone support services, will be \$63,480 for the next two year period.

There are other virus protection software products available, such as Norton Antivirus, which are similarly priced and offer equivalent levels of virus protection. However, ITS staff have determined that the time, effort, and costs that would be required to uninstall the 4,000 existing virus software programs on all of the computers in the college district, and then reinstall new programs to replace them, would be both substantial and prohibitive. For that reason, ITS staff recommends renewal of the existing McAfee Virus Scanning Software licenses, which the College has utilized for the last four years.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors authorize the renewal of the McAfee Virus Scanning Software licenses, including phone support services, for the next two year period. The total cost will be \$63,480 (from the General Fund).

Director McKinney moved to approve Resolutions 03-067 through 03-081 by consent agenda and it passed unanimously.