



# WPS Computers Missing Critical Apple Security Patches - Again

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To: Wayland School Committee  
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## Dear members of the Wayland School Committee:

Unfortunately, WPS computers used by teachers, staff and students are missing a large batch of critical / high risk security patches that Apple released on 27 March – two weeks ago. See: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT207615> These patches cover MacOS X, Safari, Pages, Numbers and Keynote. The US CERT / Department of Homeland Security report shows that many of the security defects have CVSS scores greater than 9 on a scale from 1 to 10. A copy of this report is attached.

This iTunes security update from 21 March and the GarageBand and Logic Pro security patches released in February are also still missing. Here is sample screen cap:

3 Updates Available UPDATE ALL ▾

**Software Update**  
Restart Required ●

Updates are available for your computer  
HP Printer Software Update 5.0, iTunes 12.6, Remote Desktop Client Update 3.9.2, Safari 10.1, Security Update 2017-001 10.10.5

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**HP Printer Software Update 5.0**  
This update installs the latest software for your HP printer or scanner.  
For more information about printing and scanning software, see <http://support.apple.com/kb/HT3669> UPDATE

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**iTunes 12.6**  
Rent once, watch anywhere. Now you can enjoy your iTunes movie rentals across your devices with iOS 10.3 and Apple TV second generation or later.  
This update also includes minor app and performance improvements. UPDATE

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**Remote Desktop Client Update 3.9.2**  
The 3.9 update is recommended for all Apple Remote Desktop clients and addresses several issues related to overall reliability, usability and compatibility.  
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**Safari 10.1**  
The Safari 10.1 update is recommended for all OS X Yosemite users and contains improvements to privacy, compatibility, and security. This update:  
... More RESTART

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**Security Update 2017-001 10.10.5 — Restart Required**  
Security Update 2017-001 is recommended for all users and improves the security of OS X.  
For more information on the security content of this update see <http://support.apple.com/kb/HT201222>. RESTART

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Use of this software is subject to the original **Software License Agreement(s)** that accompanied the software being updated.

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Microsoft OneNote Thanks for using OneNote! We listened to your feedback and updated the application with optimizations to help improve your note taking experience.

While we applaud the School Committee and Wayland Town management for adding the HEAT patch management system to the new budget, WPS still needs to take care of urgent security patches today, however. More delays are very risky for Wayland students, families and teachers – and expose you, WPS management and Wayland taxpayers to significant potential liability.

As Apple notes on their 'Security' page:

“Keeping your software up to date is one of the most important things you can do to maintain your Apple product's security.”

Please take effective action and instruct WPS IT to install these patches immediately.

Let us know if you have any questions.



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