Microsoft announced the Windows 7 operating system will become end of life January 14, 2020. This means Microsoft will no longer provide updates for Windows 7. Computers still using it will become more vulnerable and pose a security threat to the network. Windows 10 operating systems must be installed in order to be in compliance.

To assist in the transition away from Windows 7 the following policies have been developed.

- Computers with Windows 7 operating systems will need to be updated to Windows 10. Visit https://help.umsl.edu to request an upgrade.

- Most computers that are less than 6 years old as of August 1, 2020 should be able to be re-imaged with the Windows 10 operating system.

- Computers that will be 6 years old and/or running Windows 7 as of August 1, 2020 will have to be replaced and disconnected from the UMSL network, per the UMSL computer system support and end of life policy.

Exceptions to the above will require business case justification along with Information Security and CIO approval.