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Dear Parent:

The elementary schools have had the POS system in the cafeteria for the last few years and it is working well. The system has enabled you to pay in advance for meals and/or a la carte items and still have the option to pay cash on a daily basis. You also have been able to monitor your child's eating habits on line. Overall, we think the POS system has been an outstanding improvement over the previous cash drawer system.

We would like to make an additional improvement to the keypad device that students use to log in to their account. By adding a finger imaging device, students simply place their index finger on the scanner and the student account is accessed. We have been using this type of device at the high school since installing the POS system there last year. The technology allows us to increase the speed students get through the lunch line and it will be easier for our youngest students, who sometimes enter the code incorrectly causing delays. The device converts the finger image into a numbered pattern that is then stored for future identification at the point-of-service. **This system is NOT associated with fingerprints. It CANNOT be used to identify students by lifting fingerprints and comparing them with the digital finger image.** The finger image is NOT stored in the computer. This is a positive identification system, and only your child can access his/her account.

In the near future, the Cafeteria will register the image of your child's index fingers. This will only have to be done once. The information stored on the system is only for use by this software in the Cafeteria. There are several layers of security built into this software and in the School District's network. This is a closed system and it is **not** accessible from the Internet. If you do not want your child's finger image to be taken, please put your request in writing and return it to Mr. Tom Henning, 11921 Edinboro Rd., Edinboro, PA 16412 by Friday, April 23, 2010. If no written notification is received, your child will be scanned sometime the following week. For any student whose finger image is not to be taken, the original keypad will still be in place at the POS register.

We urge you to take full advantage of this system by placing money into your child's account on a weekly, monthly, or annual basis. You choose the amount you want to deposit. Any money not spent by the end of school year will be available for your child's use the following year. In the case of a graduating senior, monies will be refunded at the end of the school year.

We are anticipating having the new scanning system up and running by the first week in May. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Service Center at 273-1033 ext. 6.