

Northern Lehigh School District
Food Services Office
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Beginning the 2008-09 school year, a new point of sale will be implemented in the food service department. The point of sale manages your child's meal account. Many exciting changes will occur such as the ability to review your child's meal purchases online as well as monitoring the cash flow and additions of money to the account. Low balance email reminders will be available to you if you have access to a computer. You will still have the option to contact the food service office for a printout or to have questions answered.

The new system will add security to your child's account. Student pictures will be downloaded from the photography studio and biometrics will be added as well. Biometrics will scan your child's finger and a numeric image representing your child's fingerprint will be stored in the system database. Your child's fingerprint absolutely will not be stored. The identity template is simply a data file, a series of zeros and ones that cannot be used to reconstruct the actual fingerprint image. The biometrics software will identify the student then deduct the amount of money for the day's meal from the student's account. The new software will protect the students' personal information and therefore accounts can not be shared. Any information pertinent to your child such as allergies can be added to this system as well.

I look forward to these new changes and helping to make the Northern Lehigh School District a better and safe environment for your children.

