

## **Hopkins Public Schools**

"Committed to Quality Education for our Children's Future"

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## Dear Parents:

Hopkins Public Schools Food Service Department is working towards implementing the latest technology to protect your child's identity while in the breakfast/lunch line by using the <u>IDconnect® finger identification</u> <u>system</u>. This system gives your child complete control of their identity and prevents others accessing their school lunch account.

This system associates the student's school ID number with the student's finger. The system does not store any biometric information, finger prints, matrixes, or measurements. It cannot reproduce a finger print in any way period! This is due to a patented software design. The only way a match can be made is when the finger is on the reader. This system is kept at school and is protected by many levels of passwords and encryption.

During the initial enrollment of a finger the system uses a variable amount of measurements to create an enrollment (rest assured, none of these measurements are stored). From there everything is put into an algorithm and encrypted. What is kept is impossible to reproduce a fingerprint or even any of the measurements, keeping your child completely safe.

Even though there is no risk of stored biometric information you have the ability to opt out of using the system and your child can still use their current ID method. To opt out please return this letter with your name, your child's name, and school to the school office.

If you have any questions or concerns, we are here to help.

Thank You,
Rhonda Sapp, Food Service Director
Scott VanBonn, Superintendent
Complete this portion and return to the school office only if you <b>do not</b> wish to have your child enrolled in the <b>IDconnect® finger identification system.</b>
Student(s) Name/Grade:
Parent/Guardian Name:
Parent/Guardian Signature: