



Hopkins Public Schools

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Families of Hopkins Public Schools,

I would like to offer some information regarding our finger scanning system for food service.

We chose to change the way students access their meal accounts for breakfast and lunch due to the volume of students that we are serving. With all meals being free, we are now serving 75% of the student body. Simply placing your finger on a scanner is much faster than entering a last name or an eight digit pin number. There is also no way for a student to access another student's account out of error.

The company that is providing the software is ID Connect, they have been in business for over 20 years servicing k-12 schools. When a student is enrolled, they place each of their index fingers on the scanner. The scanner then takes multiple measurements of the finger and translates that to a 28 character code. After that, the student simply places their finger on the scanner and their account pops up. The finger print is ONLY saved on our districts server, not with the software company. The only information the food service department has linked to that finger is the students name, grade, and teacher. Nowhere can I even access the fingerprint that was originally taken. This is the same technology that many of us use to unlock our smart phones or open banking apps, and many other applications.

We have currently enrolled both Hopkins and Sycamore Elementary students. We will work on middle school students the week of October 16 and the high school the week of October 23. Once a student is enrolled, that stays until they leave the district or graduate; then it is deleted. Every family has the right to make an informed decision on whether they want opt out of the enrollment or not.

Please reach out if you have any further questions or would like to more information.

Thank You,

Rhonda Sapp

Food Service Director

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Complete this portion and return to the school office only if you **do not** wish to have your child enrolled in the IDconnect® finger identification system.

Student(s) Name/Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____