Dear Parents,

This year, our school is implementing a biometric finger scanning identification program in an effort to provide security for your child's cafeteria account, eliminate clerical errors and provide students an easy way to identify themselves when entering the school and using the cafeteria and library.

What is Biometric Identification?

Biometric identification is automated methods of identifying a person based upon physical or behavioral characteristics. Our school has selected identiMetrics biometric finger scanning identification software because it is fast, accurate, cost-effective and non-intrusive.

How does finger scanning identification work?

Using a finger scanner, the software scans the fingerprint to create and store individual templates of unique points that identify each student. When the student returns, the software again scans the finger and looks for a match in the database. When a match is found, the student is identified!

What about my child's privacy?

The software scans the finger for identification. It does not store a copy of the fingerprints. Instead, the software creates a template of the unique fingerprint characteristics. These templates are stored in the school's database with the same high level of security of all of your child's records. When your child graduates or is no longer enrolled in the school system, the templates are deleted. At no time is a fingerprint image stored. No fingerprints can be recreated or delivered to any agency - governmental or otherwise.

Thanks for being involved!

It is important to us that your child's experience in school is educational and rewarding. We hope you will find this new way of identifying your child to be safe, easy, accurate and efficient. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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