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To: Julie Hinds

Fr: Lynne Rogers

Re: Biometrics ID System for Point of Service

I am recommending for consideration a new point of service student identification system that will use the finger imaging (biometrics) technology to help with the speed of our serving lines, especially for the breakfast meal. This form of identification is used in many school districts for cafeteria use. It speeds up meal service to students and does not require a card or for the student to enter a number into the keypad. Parents/Guardians are informed about the identification method and are required to sign a form which will allow their child to participate or parents/guardians may select to opt out and not allow participation. The finger imaging enrollment process would be available during the school day at times approved by each principal. Students who do not participate in the biometrics identification will still be able to enter their student identification number into the key pad at each cashier's station. The finger imaging is not a fingerprint; it is an image made from the different points on the finger. Students simply place their finger on the imaging device and within a few seconds their picture and meal account appear on the cashier's touch screen.

I would like to demonstrate the biometrics identification system at the meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 if time allows.

With your support, please place this item on the agenda of the Board for the meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Thank you.