

Blue Springs Schools Cafeteria Program

To: Parents/Guardians
From: Food Service Dept.
Date: 1-18-05
Re: New computerized payment system for the Cafeteria

Blue Springs Schools has adopted a new computerized Point of Sale payment system for all school meals purchased in the district's cafeterias. I would like to take the time to introduce this system to all parents and to make them familiar with the upcoming services that will be provided. The first few days the lunch lines may be slower, but as the students familiarize themselves with the system, the lines should move much quicker than before.

Every student will have their own personal lunchroom account based on their current student ID number. It is the same number on their student ID card and also printed on their grade card. Students can access their accounts on the PIN pads located at every register. We would like all students to know their student ID number, but if they forget, we can access it through every register. It is strongly recommended that all students remember their numbers, as this will make the lunch lines move faster.

We encourage parents to deposit any amount of money into the student's account, although they may still pay cash. Monies paid into a student account can be used for the purchase of school lunch and ala carte meals. When sending in money by check or cash, please include the student's ID number on the check or envelope so it is deposited into the correct account. This system allows students to charge only if there is money in their account – we can't allow any negative balances to occur.

If your student has qualified for **free or reduced** price lunches, this information is securely contained within the system and the meal will be processed just as it is for all other students. There is no need to be concerned for a potentially uncomfortable situation for the student.

If you are concerned about a food allergy that your student has, please notify the cafeteria with this information. A warning will appear on the cashier's screen for a quick review of the items on the student's meal tray.

Thank you in advance for your patience in implementing this system.