



Southwest Licking Local School District

Food Service Department

927 - A South Street

Pataskala, OH 43062

Dear Parents:

The Nutrition and Food Service Department has implemented biometric software in each cafeteria to increase the efficiency and security of the serving line transactions. The biometric system consists of a small finger scanner that identifies each student as he/she passes through the serving line. Once the child is identified, the biometric software passes the number pattern assigned to that student to the serving line software and connects the child back to their account information. An advantage to the biometric input system is the added security for your students account. Your students ID number can no longer be entered incorrectly by another student as ID numbers are no longer needed. Each student will be required to scan their finger in order to enroll them into our account database. An image of the finger is NOT stored in any database at any time. Instead, the biometric software stores a number pattern for each student. This makes the biometric database extremely secure as it prevents anyone from accessing an image of your child's finger.

IF YOU WISH FOR YOUR STUDENT TO HAVE THIS EXTRA SECURITY, YOU **DO NOT NEED** TO REQUEST A FORM.

The biometric system is preferred; however, if you choose not to participate your child(ren) can continue to use their lunch account by entering their student ID number. If you have questions, please feel free to call me at my office. My number is: 740-927-3941. Thank you in advance for your patience in implementing this system.

A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION IF YOU **DO NOT WISH** TO ALLOW YOUR STUDENT(S) TO PARTICIPATE. Please request an OPT OUT form from the District Office. THIS FORM NEEDS TO BE RETURNED TO THE FOOD SERVICE OFFICE AT: 927 A SOUTH STREET OR YOUR CHILD WILL BE ENROLLED IN THE SYSTEM.

Sincerely,

Ginger Parsons, R.D., L.D
Food and Nutrition Director