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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Lake Station Community Schools Food Service will be implementing "Finger Scanning" as the preferred method for identifying students in the cafeteria lines in order for them to gain access to their meal account funds.

In the past, students have identified themselves by keying a "PIN" number, but in order to improve efficiency and speed in the cafeteria lines we will begin using the biometric "Finger Scanning" method.

In an effort to speed up meal service and offer privacy and convenience, students will use a finger scan to identify themselves for meal purchases. This system offers complete privacy. The system does not store an image or photo of the student's fingerprint. The scanner examines a few points of a fingerprint and generates unique numbers based on those points to create a secure key called a "string". Only the string value is retained for reference back to the student. These numbers cannot be converted into an actual fingerprint image; fingerprints cannot be regenerated or reproduced for any purpose.

Sincerely,

Theresa Kietzman **Food Service Director** Lake Station Community Schools

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