



SPRINGVILLE-GRIFFITH INSTITUTE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Middle School/High School Parent:

Welcome to the Springville District. Our school district implemented a program in the Middle and High School's cafeteria developed by SL-Tech, our cafeteria software provider. The program introduces a device that uses a new way for your child to access his/her meal account by using a sensor that identifies the child by the touch of his/her finger.

We have compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions to address any possible questions you may have:

How are school meals accounted for right now?

Devices called the PAD, provided by SL-Tech to the school cafeteria, enable children to access their meal account. A child either keys in his/her PIN or slides his/her school ID card through the device. If a child forgets his/her ID card or PIN number, the lunchroom staff needs to look up the child's ID, causing delays in the lunch line.

What is the new device and what does it do?

The new device allows a child to access his/her meal account with the touch of his/her finger. When a child places his/her finger on the touchpad scanner, the system creates a numerical template based on the scan, checks it against templates in the database, and returns an ID match. The child no longer has to worry about remembering his/her PIN or carrying his/her ID card.

Will my child be fingerprinted?

NO. Our system DOES NOT store fingerprints or images of the fingerprint. Our device has a touchpad scanner that matches a scan to a child's ID.

Is this system secure?

YES. The templates can only be used for identification in the school cafeteria. No information will be shared outside of the school cafeteria. There is NO way to generate a fingerprint from your child's template.

What does the program consist of? How will my child be involved?

During first time use, your child will place his/her finger on the touchpad scanner twice to create a template. During school meals, your child will place his/her finger on the scanner and it will be matched to his/her template.

The normal school day's activities will not be disrupted by this program. In addition, your child's privacy and security are of the utmost concern to our school district and SL-Tech. If you have any additional questions, please refer them to the school cafeteria manager, who will forward them to our team.

Please return the opt-out form to the building main office within one week of receipt of this letter. Absence of the opt-out form will result in a finger scan taken by the office staff.

(Touchpad Scanner Opt-Out Form on back)

Touchpad Scanner Opt-Out Form

The sensor scans a child's finger and matches it to the child's school ID. No additional information is gained or stored. This information is kept secure and private.

However, if you would like to opt your child out of this program, please sign this sheet and return it to the building's main office with your child no later than one week of receipt of this letter.

Student Name

Grade

School Name

Parent Signature

Reason for opt out (*optional*)
