



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our school is implementing a biometric finger scanning identification system for our cafeteria meal program in an effort to provide accurate student identification as well as security for our student accounts. This will replace our meal cards and students inputting their pin numbers. We want to eliminate identification errors and clerical errors and provide an easy and accurate way to identify students and be sure no one else can charge items to their accounts. Students will scan their fingers as they come through the cafeteria to account for their meal.

### **What is Biometric Identification?**

Biometric identification is an automated method of identifying a person based upon physical or behavioral characteristics. Our school has selected the identiMetrics Biometric Finger Scanning Identification System because it is secure, accurate, cost-effective and non-intrusive.

### **How does finger scanning identification work?**

Using a finger scanner, the software scans certain unique points on the finger to create and store individual templates that identify each student. When the student returns, the software again scans the finger and looks for a match in the database. When a match is found, the student is identified.

### **What about our students' privacy?**

**We are not fingerprinting the students.** The software scans the finger for identification. It does not store a copy of the fingerprints. Instead, the software creates a template of the unique points on the finger. The template is converted to a unique number and is stored in the school's database with the same high level of security of all of our records. The templates are also protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA is the same Federal Law that protects all student records. When your child graduates or is no longer enrolled in the school system, the templates are deleted. At no time is a fingerprint image stored. **No fingerprints can be recreated or delivered to any agency - governmental or otherwise.**

### **Thanks for your attention!**

It is important to us that your child's experiences in school are educational and rewarding. This new way of identifying our students is safe, easy, accurate, efficient and secure. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Please complete the attached "Opt Out" form if you do not want your child to participate.

Sincerely,

Nutrition Services  
408-423-2077



## Biometric Finger Scanning Opt Out Form for the Cafeteria

Please complete this form if you want to **opt out** from Biometric Finger Screening and return to the Nutrition Services.

Please initial to Opt Out

◆ \_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish my child to be included in the Impact Biometric registration process

If you choose to Opt Out, your child will use their student ID number for identification.

**\*Complete ONLY if you wish to opt out**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Room#: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

