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Dear Parents:

The New Haven School District uses state of the art identification equipment in our cafeterias. This new form of identification uses the finger and its image to uniquely identify your son or daughter and replaced our system of scanning lunch cards. This has streamlined the cafeteria processes for our students and faculty. When we enroll a finger we do take a variable amount of measurements and the style of the fingerprint. These measurements and style of fingerprint get converted to a number which gets encrypted and stored. If decrypted and given to someone, this someone cannot reverse the process since many variables are not present.

This form of identification is called Biometrics, which translated means measurements of human characteristics. **This is not fingerprinting.** Biometric measurements are used to create this enrollment, however, they are converted to something else entirely, "A number".

The system is one directional. Without the finger being placed on the reader, we have no knowledge of style of fingerprint or how many measurements went into the matching process to create this unique numeric.

Your son or daughter is in complete control of their own identity. They only can be identified by placing their finger on the reader. This dramatically protects them from losing an id number or sharing that number with other students. If you have additional questions about the system, please contact us at 237-3231 or the manufacturer.

Sincerely,

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