

# Exeter Region Cooperative School District

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## **Dear Parent,**

Our School District is implementing a new program in your child'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 9 digit ID number or slides his/her school ID card through the device. If a child forgets his/her ID card or 9 digit ID number, the lunchroom staff needs to look up the child's ID, causing delays in the lunch line. The Name Search option is being discouraged this year.

### **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 9 digit ID number 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 registration, 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.

After the initial registration, 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.