

Biometric Identification System

The Child Nutrition Services department is constantly seeking ways to improve the service we provide your child(ren). As part of our efforts to improve the experience of our students, we are implementing a new biometric identification system. This system has a number of benefits for our students including decreasing time waiting in line, improved security of student PIN#'s.

Kentwood Public Schools values the importance of secure access to student and staff cafeteria accounts. We will begin using biometric identification devices to identify students for access to their meal accounts. The biometric devices are used in conjunction with the cafeteria computer system by Horizon Software International.

- Biometric images are <u>NOT</u> stored and data is saved only as a number in a proprietary format unique to the M2SYS system
- All biometric data is saved using the AES 128 bit encryption algorithm
- Biometric data <u>cannot</u> be used to recreate the actual fingerprint image

This system provides efficient service and an additional accountability measure in the cafeteria with easy access for your children to utilize their meal account quickly and with a high level of security.

Please contact the CNS office if you opt-out and you wish to opt-in at a later date. You may fill out this form and return it to the Child Nutrition staff if you opt-in and decide to opt-out.

Call us at 616-455-3166 with questions you may have.

Mo Shamali Director of Child Nutrition Services Your child does not have to use a biometric as the source of identification in the cafeteria line. PIN#'s can be issued to those parents who choose to "opt-out" of the biometric process. In order to "opt-out", please print this page, complete the following information, cut this sheet on the dotted line and return the bottom portion to the Child Nutrition staff in your child's school. STUDENT NAME(s) and ID#______

SCHOOL_____

PARENT NAME_____