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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Tonasket School District is implementing biometric finger scan software in each building to increase the efficiency and security of the food service serving lines transactions. This is optional and parents can choose to opt out of this process. Deny finger scan forms are available on the website and in offices. The images of the finger scan are NOT stored in any database at any time. Instead, the biometric software stores the finger scan as a calculated number making the software extremely secure.

The objective of purchasing a biometric ID finger scanner for each building food service line and office is for the following four purposes:

1. Speed up serving lines to increase breakfast participation.
2. Provide ample time for students to eat breakfast.
3. Improve the accuracy of our meal charges.
4. Building offices will scan newly enrolled students without interfering with the food serving lines.

Implementation Timeline

1. April 2019:

Once the equipment is set up, food service staff will scan the students' fingers sometime in April.

2. May 2019:

After the scanning is completed, implementation will be in May.

What about our students' privacy?

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.

Please read the attached information on how the biometric finger scanning process works. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Sincerely,

Building Principal Name, School Name