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Dear Middle Country Families,

Exciting news! To reduce cafeteria wait times and give children more time to eat, we are implementing an easy, efficient, and safe method to get students through the cafeteria line!

Starting the week of November 25, select schools in the Middle Country Central School District (MCCSD) will begin using a finger-scanning system to speed up cafeteria lunch lines, giving them more time to eat and enjoy their food. By eliminating the need for inputting ID numbers, we can ensure faster lunch service. Students will be identified with a simple finger touch, and parents/guardians will be able to more accurately track their child's cafeteria purchases. This new finger-scanning technology is similar to the systems used on Android and Apple phones.

During enrollment, one finger from each hand will be scanned to create an encrypted number that is linked to the student's school lunch account. The finger image taken during the enrollment is never saved and is only used to create a unique, encrypted number for each student.

To learn more about finger-scanning or find a permission change form, please visit the MCCSD Food Service Department page - <a href="https://www.mccsd.net/departments/food-services">https://www.mccsd.net/departments/food-services</a> - or call the Middle Country School Lunch Office if you have any questions - (631) 285-8190.

Sincerely,

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