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Online Meal Payment Option Offered to All School Families



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County School System has expanded myLunchMoney.com to all Houston County schools. MyLunchMoney.com is a service that gives parents the option of using the Internet to pay for meals, review their children’s daily lunchroom purchases and regulate purchases of extra items.

Since myLunchMoney.com was first introduced in September to six pilot schools, more parent features have been added: expired credit card notification, student sales history report, ability to set spending limits, meal control settings and low balance notification. The traditional method of sending payments to school remains an option.

A benefit of paying online with a credit or debit card is that parents need not worry that their children will lose cash or checks. In addition to accommodating parents, benefits include shorter wait time in line; less cash turned into teachers and the cafeterias; increased sales; fewer checks returned due to insufficient funds; reduced threat of theft; and fewer input errors.

The school system uses myLunchMoney.com, a secure prepayment system which is provided by School Link Technologies, the same company that provides the system’s point of sale meal management software program. Used by several school systems, myLunchMoney.com has a proven track record.

To pay online costs \$1.95 per transaction per school site. For example, if a family has three children who attend the same school, the parent would register all three children and post payments to their accounts for a one-transaction fee of \$1.95. If a family has three children at three different schools, the parent would pay \$1.95 times three, or \$5.85, per transaction because each school is set up as a separate merchant account. Once registered, parents will receive routine e-mails such as low balance notifications.

For more information or assistance registering, please call the support staff for myLunchMoney.com at 1-800-479-3531 or Christy Stokes, School Nutrition Technology, at (478) 322-3308, extension 10305.

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