

METUCHEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Administrative Offices

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

Metuchen Schools has been using a computerized POS (point of sale) system in the school cafeteria. Instead of paying cash for your child's lunch, you have been able to deposit checks into your child's debit account! Just like EZ Pass on the Garden State Parkway and NJ Turnpike, this system reduces time-consuming cash transactions, and makes our lunch lines move much faster.

For your additional convenience, we will also shortly have a new internet-based payment system, which allows you the option of paying for your child's lunch on-line, via credit card or ACH (electronic check). This service also allows you to receive automated emails detailing your child's account balance, which items they purchased for lunch, and if their balance is low. Additionally, like EZ-Pass, there is an "auto-replenishment" option which allows you to set up a low-balance threshold and automatic debit amount to replenish your child's account. More info on this system can be found at <http://www.payforit.net>, then click on FAQ's. Note that there is an internet convenience fee associated with payment by credit card or ACH, whereas there is no fee to put money on account at the register by cash or check.

Also note that if parents choose to use the www.payforit.net system to view reports only, they may do so at no charge. The ICF (internet convenience fee) is only imposed on deposits to your child's account made by credit card or ACH. The Metuchen School District retains no portion of this fee, which has been established to cover credit card and ACH fees and web site maintenance costs.

Note that while **"good old fashioned cash" will still be accepted** in the cafeteria, our hope is that many parents will appreciate the ease and convenience of pre-paying for their child's lunch, either via check, or on-line. Think about it...**no more lost lunch money...no more forgotten lunch money...no more "losing the change" to the \$10 or \$20 bill...**your prepaid funds will be held safely in trust by the school.

Startup for the new internet payment and reporting system is currently scheduled for January 2, 2013. Internet Payments will be accepted in as large or small a \$ amount as you feel is convenient for you. Please keep in mind that the larger amount you send in, the fewer payments you will have to make during the course of the school year.

If you have any questions, you can contact our cafeteria office at 732-321-8760, and someone will assist you.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Harvier, Business Administrator