Great News!! Muscogee County School District will use Palm Scanning Technology in all School Cafeterias.

Our school will be performing palm scanning. What does the palm scanning actually capture?

The scanner only captures the image of the vein pattern in the student's hand. That pattern is set to access your child's meal account. **It does NOT store any information regarding SSN.** We only use the basic demographics such as Name, Birthdate, Homeroom, and Grade level. That is all there is. The image is no more than a picture. We do not store any finger prints or palm prints. All images are stored on a more than 256 character secured, firewalled server. Only four persons have access to this server and no information is shared with any organization including the federal government. All serving lines have hand sanitizer available.

We will make an initial scan of your child's palm to set the system. Then each day, they will place their palm on the scanner as they pass through the serving line. You may choose to opt out of the palm scanning. Please read the following before making your decision.

Program Highlights

Palm scanning technology is popping up nationwide as a bona fide biometric tracker of sales transactions. It also has guaranteed applications as a secure identifier.

Here's how it works: Using the same near-infrared technology that comes in a TV remote control or Nintendo Wii video game, the device takes a super high-resolution infrared photograph of the vein pattern just below a person's skin. That image, between 1.5 and 2.5 square inches, is recorded and digitized. The technology reduces the time it takes at the point of sale to approximately four seconds per transaction. This capability speeds up the time that the students are in the line and provides 100% account security and accountability is accomplished by using this technology. No more mystery charges on your child's account.

The Muscogee County School District does not share any information with any 3rd party companies. All information is stored on an encrypted server for the utmost security.

If you need more information about the palm scanning technology, please contact Stephen Waters at 706-748-3329 between 6am and 9pm daily.

Return this notice only if you wish to opt out of participation. You may be contacted by a School Nutrition representative for additional information.

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Student Name   Grade   Teacher

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Parent Signature   Phone Number