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TO ALL PARENTS/ GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS:

The Bayport- Blue Point School District is pleased to announce the implementation of an automated Point-of-Sale (POS) food service system. This system (ScholarChip) is designed to add flexibility to your payment options as a parent/ guardian, as well as to streamline our reporting and help improve our line speed, thereby allowing more time to enjoy meals, with no risk of forgetting or losing money.

This is a debiting system with each student having their own account. Students will be identified when purchasing lunch items in the cafeteria by giving their name to the cafeteria cashier to pay for their items. When their name is given, the cafeteria cashier will view their picture on the computer screen. In the High School, students will activate their account by "tapping" their I.D. card on a reader as they reach the cafeteria register. The student's photo will also be displayed to ensure that the correct account is being charged. With the district's POS system, parents are able to electronically deposit money in two ways. The first way is by using a credit card to add funds to a student's account. The second way is via a secure on-line service directly from a parent's bank account to the student's food account. Money deposited may be spent from the general balance for meals or a *la carte* items.

If there is ever a question about what your student is purchasing, the system will produce a history of purchases within a specific time frame. The history also includes payment dates and amounts, and the current balance. It also issues alerts, via e-mail when balances are low.

Confidentiality will continue to be maintained for students who qualify for meal assistance.

Purchase limitations or dietary restrictions can be placed on individual accounts.

To access these services online:

Go to the **ScholarConnect** link on the Bayport- Blue Point School District's home page. From this link, you will be able to view directions to create your account and add money to it for your child('s)(ren's) meal purchases via credit card or using on-line banking), as well as access other related services.

Additionally, Parents who do not wish to pay electronically can still submit payment to the School Business Office by cash or check.

One account, once established, will service all of your Bayport- Blue Point students.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Cipriani,  
Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

For Food/ Menu Related Questions please contact:

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