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Dear Parent/Guardian:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Board of Education has continued the use of Pay Schools Central, an on-line system that provides you with options for funding your child's cafeteria debit account as well as viewing what your child is eating daily. Pay Schools Central has announced that the website will have a new look and more user friendly features.

Payments can be made into your child's cafeteria debit account using any of the following options:

- **Online Payment:** This option allows parents to set up one-time and recurring payments into your child's debit account, receive balance updates and view your child's cafeteria purchasing activity. To take advantage of this option you will need an email address, a credit or debit card and your child's student ID. Your credit or debit card will NOT be charged unless you choose to put money on your child's debit account via Pay Schools Central. Please visit www.payschoolscentral.com for complete instructions and information.
- **Check Payment:** You may send in a check made payable to "MERS Cafeteria." Please be sure to write your child's student ID number on the check.
- **Cash Payment:** Cash is accepted at any time. ALL PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CREATE ONLINE ACCOUNTS FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:
 - Using a pre-pay option will speed up the service for your child and all students
 - No need to worry about having to find cash in the morning before school
 - No more lost lunch or milk money
 - The ability to monitor how your child spent their money in the cafeteria

Other General Cafeteria Information:

Your child's student ID is their debit account ID.

Your child's student ID number is located on the Genesis Portal.

Students should not give out their ID number to others for any reason.

Directions for how to sign up for Pay Schools Central are located on the district website under "Departments" (select "Food Services"). Please email any questions to Jamie Kachinsky at jamielkachinsky@mersnj.us.

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