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Stamford Public Schools Introduces Online Meal Payment System

(May 6, 2010) The Stamford Public School district will introduce a new web-based feature that will enable families to manage their children's school meal accounts from the convenience of their home or office computer. The new system, known as PayPAMS (Parent Account Management System) will be up and running in mid-May. PayPAMS will work in conjunction with the district's food service provider, Chartwells.

By logging in and registering with PayPAMS, parents can pay for meals by credit or debit card, view their child's account balance, schedule automatic payments, receive low balance emails, view reports of daily spending and cafeteria purchases, and view the cafeteria menu. Additionally, PayPAMS will automatically send parents an email reminder to replenish their child's account when the balance runs low. A fee of \$1.95 will be charged for each monetary transaction, regardless of the amount. Deposited funds are credited to the child's account within 24 hours. As always, students who do not use PayPAMS can continue to purchase meals with cash or by check.

PayPAMS is used by more than 200 school districts across the country, according to the company. The system will be accessible through the Stamford Public Schools website, www.stamfordpublicschools.org or at www.paypams.com PayPAMS offers live and email technical support as well as a 'Frequently Asked Questions' section on their website.

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