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New Technology Allows Parents to Track Student Diet

Website helps fight childhood obesity and monitor school nutrition

Boothbay Harbor, Maine September 1, 2010 -- A new technology available to the school district of Boothbay Region Schools allows parents to track what their children are purchasing in the school cafeteria.

Internet website www.lunchprepay.com provides access to a 45-day history of what students are buying for breakfast and lunch. "Good nutrition is essential to learning. If parents stay involved with nutrition the way they do with grades, it benefits the child," says Darlene French child nutrition director for Boothbay Region Schools, For a \$10.00 annual fee, parents get 24/7 secure access to their student's meal history, as well as the ability to prepay for school meals.

"The childhood obesity epidemic has made school nutrition a front page issue. It makes sense for parents to monitor what their kids are eating," says Nancy Rice spokesperson for the School Nutrition Association. "Anything that makes it easier for them to do that is a step in the right direction."

The Child Nutrition Services, a non-profit operation employing (9) people, operates (3) cafeterias in the Boothbay Region Schools serving over 875 meals per day – approximately 375 breakfasts and 500 lunches. We operate the National School Lunch Program and the National School Breakfast Program in all of our schools. In conjunction with providing healthy, nutritious meals at a reasonable cost, we provide nutrition education for students as we seek to introduce our students to healthier meal time choices for a better way of life.

The lunchprepay.com website was developed by Education Management Systems, Inc., a K-12 administrative software company headquartered in Wilmington, North Carolina. EMS develops, distributes and supports school accounting and food service management software in schools throughout the United States.

Thank you,
Darlene French, Director of School Nutrition