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To: Parents, Students, and Staff
From: Brian L. Forget
Date: June 10, 2010
Re: New *Food Services Director* and *Computerized Cafeteria System for School Meals*

I want to take this opportunity to let you know of some exciting changes within our Food Services program. As of July 1st, we are happy to welcome Lucinda Ward as Triton's new Food Services Director. She brings many years of experience in the field, most recently performing this same function for the Pentucket Regional School District. I anticipate a very positive result and experience for those taking part in the school lunch program as we bring a fresh perspective and look to continue the wonderful offerings we have in place.

Secondly, I am also excited to announce that we have purchased NUTRIKIDS[®], a new computerized Point of Sale (POS) system for all cafeteria locations. This system will not only increase the level of service, speed and efficiency of the lunch lines but will also provide accurate school meal accounts. We are currently preparing to implement this new POS System district wide with a launch date of September 14-16, 2010.

By the time school starts in the fall, every student in the district will have been entered into the computerized system. For the first week or so after the implementation, our lunch line may be slower while everyone gets accustomed to the procedures. We expect there to be a short learning curve while the students will either be using an ID card or entering their ID number into a key pad to access their meal accounts. This ID number will stay with the student until he/she graduates. For grades K-2, we will be using a picture roster for identification. The photo roster will also be available for accurate verification of all students K-12. Once the students are familiar with the system, the lines should move much more quickly than before. Breakfast service will be included and processed on this system as well, as will all employee meals.

We will also be providing a convenient, easy and secure online pre-payment system to deposit money into your child's meal account. We strongly recommend parents/guardians deposit money into the student's account as it helps to keep the lunch lines moving at a quicker pace, and is more secure than sending cash or check into school. However, the system is quite flexible and students can still pay by check or cash.

If your child has qualified for free or reduced meal prices, this information is noted in the system as well, and the meal will be processed just as it is for all other students without any special indication to the students. Applications will be made available and sent home in September.

We will be sending out more information when school starts in the fall, however, should you have questions, please feel free to call me at my office at 978-465-2397 or send me an email at bforget@trsd.net. I anticipate that this will be a very effective and helpful addition to the Food Services program as I have heard a great deal of excitement from parents and staff as we have been working through the process.

Enjoy the summer!