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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **MCSD to Launch Pre-Pay Meal Service myLunchMoney.com**

**(Columbus, GA)**- Parents can say goodbye to sending cash and checks to the school cafeteria, if they choose to pre-pay for their child's meals. On Monday, March 2, 2009, the Muscogee County School District will launch a new pre-pay meal service. By creating a secure online account, parents can manage payments, monitor their child's account usage, and food choices easily and conveniently using a credit or debit card.

Director of the School Nutrition Program, Rachel Craighton says, "Payments are processed quickly and easily, which helps to increase cafeteria productivity and efficiency. It gives parents the flexibility to add funds at their discretion."

Once parents register for the service, it will take 24 hours to process the account information. Then, they can be sure their child will have funds on hand for breakfast, lunch, and a la carte items when they scan the school I-D badge at the cafeteria cash register. The service is available at all school sites. Parents can check their child's balance at any time. It's easy, convenient, and secure.

After the one-time 24 hour registration process, additional funds can be applied and would be available one hour from the time the funds were added.

In addition, "We encourage parents to get involved with their child, use the service as an education tool to help them learn how to budget and make healthy food choices," said Director of Communications, Valerie Fuller.

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The maximum pre-payment amount is \$100 at a cost of \$1.95 for each transaction per school site. Any additional funds on the account at the end of the year are rolled over to the next year and/or the school the child will attend. With the recurring payment option, money can automatically be deposited.

Parents can expect a letter in the mail with further instructions on how to sign up for the service. A link will be available on **Sunday, March 1, 2009** on the district website, [www.mcsdga.net](http://www.mcsdga.net), under the ***Parent*** tab.

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