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And you thought your job was a chore. Food service workers that manage their schools' complex pre order meal programs arguably have one of the more burdensome jobs in the industry. Tired, stretched thin and often running on empty, these Vikings of the back office have little time to complain as they go about their repetitive weekly routine. Hours spent developing complex pre order menus; hours spent overseeing the disbursement of take-home pre order forms, and hours spent collecting them; hours spent manually inputting said orders into the system; hours spent double checking for mistakes; and hours spent preparing to do it again the next week. If you are so privileged as to bear this responsibility, FSS has some news that will have you jumping for joy.

After logging in, parents simply need to click the "Order Meals" link. Once on the meal pre order screen, parents make meal selections by choosing a child's name, date and meal type (breakfast, lunch, snack, etc.). After selecting individual meal items and specifying a quantity, parents complete the process by proceeding to check out and finalizing the order with a click of the button. A multitude of fail-safes are built in, such as blocking parents from ordering meals that have passed an admin-determined order cut off date, ordering meals that have not yet become available and making purchases that exceed their deposit balances. In the case an order exceeds a student's deposit balance, parents are quickly guided through the depositing process and are then allowed to complete the order.

Parents also reap the paper-free benefits. Rather than fill out and return weekly/monthly forms, parents can view available menu options, select meals for pre order, and complete the transaction at any time online -- all without picking up a pencil!

Save More Than Time

The new meal pre order feature not only streamlines the entire pre ordering process, it virtually eliminates the paperwork. Detailed reports and customizable pre order lists are generated with a click of the button. Rather than printing and distributing paper menus and pre order forms, administrators simply upload the information via MySchoolAccount.com's admin site.

After 3 years of development and a seemingly endless number of last minute improvements, FSS officially released its completed meal pre order system this past August. Boasting a streamlined, modern design and an amazingly user-friendly interface, the online pre order system is a far cry from pen-and-paper systems that abound in the industry today.

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Parent-Friendly Interface

In order to make the system as easy to use as possible, the pre order program has been integrated into MySchoolAccount.com, FSS' popular online parent-to-school payment portal. The online interface provides parents the ability to login and complete the entire pre order process in minutes from the comfort and convenience of their own homes.

The pre order system's long list of time and cost saving features has already proven appealing to a variety of schools across the country. Become one of the many schools and districts taking advantage of this new feature, with more and more signing on every month.

If you are responsible for your school's pre order lunch system and would like to learn more about the advancements and advantages of FSS' automated new system, please contact an FSS customer service agent to setup a free online demonstration. Call 1-800-425-1425 or visit www.foodserve.com.

Congress Extends Current Child Nutrition Reauthorization Bill

With the current Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act that was set to expire on September 30, 2009, Congress has passed a continuing resolution extending the federal child nutrition programs through October 31, 2009. While the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program are permanent programs, the continuing resolution would extend non-permanent programs such as the Summer Food Service Program and the After-School Snack Program. It is likely that this continuing resolution will expire before

the Reauthorization Act is renewed. Should that occur, another continuing resolution will most likely be issued.

Congress is expected to begin work on the 2009 Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act later this fall. In both the Senate and the House of Representatives, a number of bills have been introduced focusing on certain aspects of the school nutrition programs.

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FSS Teams Up with Softex to Bring Single Sign-On (SSO) Access Control to the Education Market

FSS has joined forces with Softex, a leader and innovator in Single Sign-On (SSO) development, to bring SSO access control technology to the K-12 market. Put simply, SSO means one-touch access to all user accounts. No need to remember a long list of passwords and no need to spend time logging into systems one account at a time. Because the data is exportable to CSV, schools can also tie the data into their Time & Attendance packages. The benefits of a Single Sign-On solution are well worth the investment.

Softex's OmniPass SSO system allows schools to securely eliminate or consolidate multiple passwords, thereby protecting personal and sensitive data.

The Problem With Passwords

Schools put themselves at risk when they rely on passwords as their only level of access control. The problem is really two-fold:

1. Passwords can be easily compromised either intentionally or unintentionally, thus posing a huge risk to classified data, applications and networks.
2. Password systems are surprisingly costly, with "password reset" requests alone burning up several hours of IT department time every week. For large school districts and schools with numerous centralized application systems, these costs can add up to hundreds of dollars per employee per year.

Softex's OmniPass SSO system allows schools to securely eliminate or consolidate multiple passwords, thereby protecting personal and sensitive data. More importantly, it is a centrally managed solution, which gives administrators control

over who has access to differing levels of data, how the employees authenticate themselves to gain access as well as what data/applications employees are authorized to access.

Key Features of OmniPass include:

- Secure authentication to Windows login, applications and websites
- File/Folder encryption engine helps secure sensitive classified data
- Centralized authentication policy control through a standard management console
- Tracking and auditing engine that helps resolve industry mandated compliance issues

OmniPass is the most cost effective, fully integrated and scalable SSO solution on the market today. To learn more, please contact an FSS customer service agent at 1-800-425-1425.

Application for Love Your Veggies™ Grants Still Available!



The makers of Hidden Valley Salad Dressings have announced the fourth annual Love Your Veggies grant program, an initiative that will provide \$10,000 grants to 10 public elementary schools in the United States to support increased access to and consumption of fresh produce during school meals. The Love Your Veggies grant program is sponsored by the makers of Hidden Valley Salad Dressings in partnership with School Nutrition Foundation (SNF). Visit www.LoveYourVeggies.com for com-

plete information, including the 2009 application.

Now in its fourth consecutive year, the Hidden Valley Love Your Veggies grant program has awarded \$750,000 to elementary schools throughout the country for the implementation of fresh fruit and vegetable programs. Schools can apply for a grant through Nov. 6, 2009 by visiting LoveYourVeggies.com. Schools will be notified of their award status by Feb. 15,

2010. A public announcement of all 10 winners will be made in April 2010.

Why "Love Your Veggies"?

The makers of Hidden Valley Salad Dressings know that getting children to eat more vegetables is a concern for many parents, and studies show that about 96 percent of children two to 12 years of age fall short of the recommended 2-5 cups of fruits and vegetables per day. Findings from the following studies further inspired the development of the program:

The Relevance of Ranch: A study that found children tend to consume more vegetables when paired with a moderate amount of ranch dressing. Another study suggested that consuming a moderate amount of fat with vegetables/salads may be beneficial to the body's ability to adequately absorb fat-soluble nutrients.

Getting Kids Involved in the Process: In a study of 600 school-aged children taking part in a nutrition curriculum intended to increase vegetables and whole grains consumption researchers at Teachers College at Columbia University found that children who helped cook their own foods were more likely to eat those foods in the cafeteria, and even ask for seconds.

Making Veggie Eating Fun at Home:
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Parents participating in a home-based intervention program about fruits and vegetables led to increased knowledge and availability of both in the home, which was in turn a significant predictor of their children's increased consumption.

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Making a Difference in the Lunchroom with a grant program: The 2004 Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act required school districts to design and implement local school wellness policies. There is an overwhelming shortage of funds available for the execution of these programs and schools struggle to implement them successfully.

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