

## Dist 4 now offers debit system for student lunches

ADDISON — Last week, the Independent learned that School District 4 is offering a new Student Meal debit account system that will be rolled out for students at Indian Trail Junior High on November 7.

The debit account system will be available for both the school breakfast and lunch programs. It will provide parents with a convenient, easy and secure online pre-payment service that will allow parents to deposit money into their student's school meal account. In addition, parents will have

the ability to view their child's account balance and lunchroom purchases online. They will be able to access a report that will show all of the breakfast, lunch and a la carte items their child has purchased in the last 30 days.

Students will be required to show their student ID card in order to purchase food. When the student ID is scanned, the cost of the meal purchased will be deducted from the student's account.

Deposits to a student account can be made beginning October

31, 2011. Parents have three convenient payment options that are available:

- Payment by credit card online through the Family Access website, <http://www.asd4.org> & click on 'Family Access' on the 'For Parent' menu.

- Checks sent into school

with student to be deposited into the student account.

- Cash sent into school with the student to be deposited into the student account.

District 4 is pleased to offer this streamlined electronic system that will make menu purchases more efficient for students and payments more

convenient for parents. Additionally, the plan will be made available to elementary school students in Spring 2012. Families with more than one child attending District 4 schools will be able to manage all of their children's transactions through one family account.

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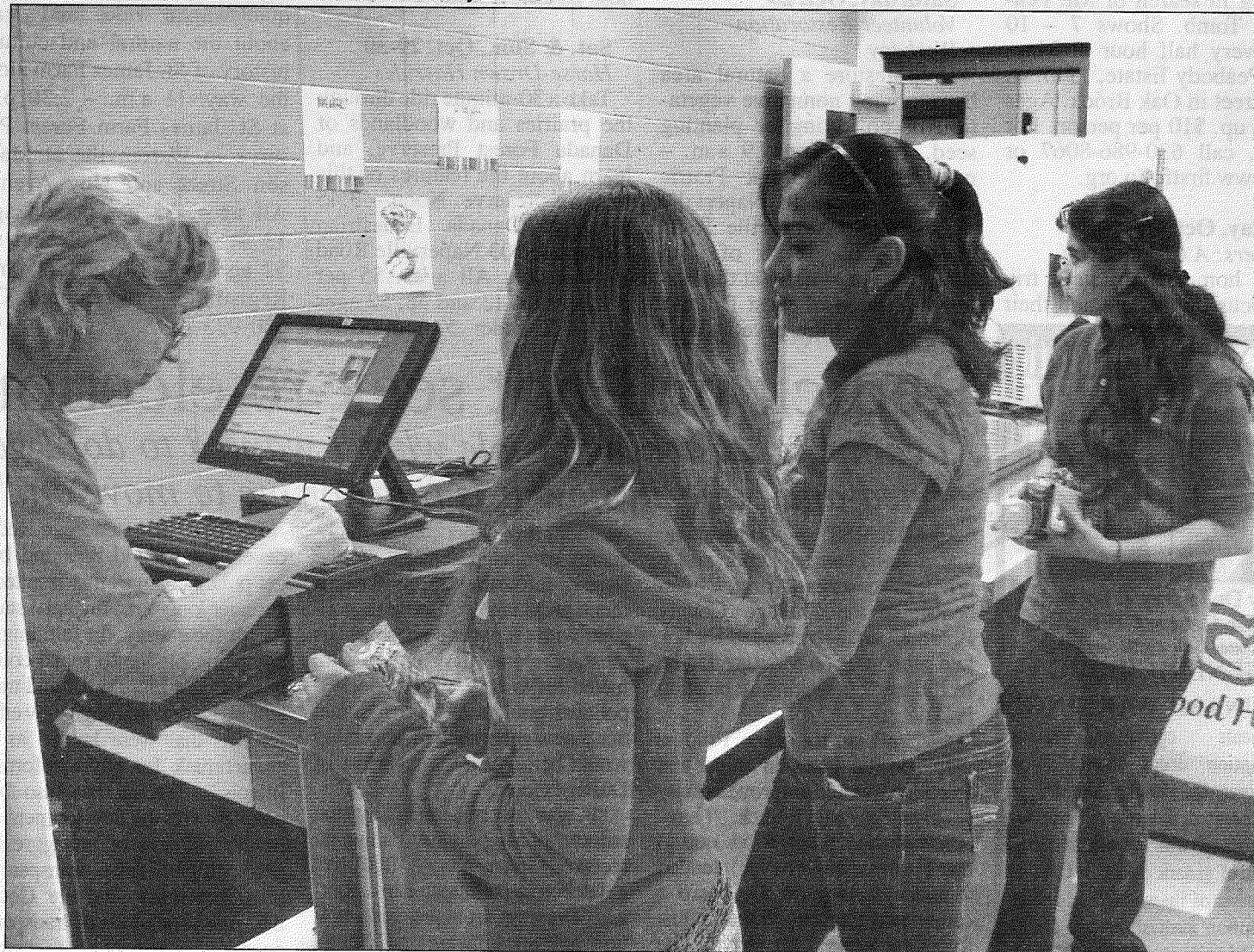


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### Students, workers test debit system

Students pictured are using the new debit account system, as food service personnel test the new system in preparation for a full roll-out on November 7.