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Hoopeston Area middle, high school aim for cashless lunch

"I forgot my lunch money," may be a comment from the past soon at Hoopeston Area schools.

The district has installed a computerized system that allows the lunch program to function without money changing hands. Students and staff in the middle and high school first used the system Tuesday. It is expected to be installed district-wide next year.

Students use bar-coded debit cards that, when read by a scanning device, tells lunch-room attendants how much money each student has in their meal account.

Middle school students seemed excited about the program Tuesday, sliding their cards under the reader and watching as their information, including name and class picture, showed up on the attendants' screens.

Superintendent Mark Conolly talked about the system at the March school board meeting, saying it will improve bookkeeping and will save the district money by keeping better

See LUNCH on other side



Jesse Cottrill, a Hoopeston Area Middle School student, scans his lunch ticket while Ellanat Matta looks on. The new computerized lunch system is being tested this week.

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