

## PROVIDING LUNCH FOR YOUR STUDENT

Howland school district has a computerized system for tracking student purchases. This system provides an account for each student. The parent/guardian should add funds to the student's account so that the student will have means to make purchases for meals as needed. Ala Carte items can be purchased through this system, however, the parent has the right to limit or omit these purchases as desired with written notification to the food service department.

There are two ways to provide meals for your child utilizing the Howland School District food service.

1. **Send Cash.** Cash is always accepted. However, this is the least safe way to provide meals for your child. Cash gets lost, stolen, and does not provide for a paper trail of transactions as well as other methods. Sending cash daily can slow down the lunch line.
2. **Send a personal check.** As long as you have not had problems with insufficient fund checks in the past, personal checks are acceptable. Checks can get lost, or stolen; however, once they are accepted in the Cafeteria, they are easier to track. Make checks payable to the child's school cafeteria. EX: Howland Middle School Cafeteria.

As a courtesy, we will allow a student to charge one meal if their account funds are insufficient. They will not be permitted to charge ala carte items. Any money left at the end of the year will be held for the following year. Seniors are encouraged to deplete their accounts prior to the end of the school year.