

Houston Independent School District Selects Cybersoft Primero Technology to Power its Food Service Operations at 305 Campuses

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Cybersoft Technologies, Inc. announced that the Houston Independent School District, one of the largest school districts in the nation, has chosen the Cybersoft Primero solution to enhance productivity of their food service operation throughout the district. HISD will have the system installed at all of its 305 schools.

"At HISD, we highly value the relationship with our parents," said Dr. Abelardo Saavedra, HISD Superintendent. "They are our most important educational partners. We are constantly looking for new ways to enhance our communications with them and their involvement in our schools. The Cybersoft technology puts a powerful new tool in the hands of our parents, which will also allow them to take an active role in the nutrition of their children."

"At the same time, this new system is expected to enhance the accuracy of records kept by HISD's Food Services Department," said Dr. Saavedra. "HISD takes its role as a responsible steward of tax dollars very seriously. The government funding which HISD receives for the free and reduced lunch and breakfast programs is based on data. Anything we can do to ensure the most reliable possible records gives taxpayers the assurance that their tax dollars are being used wisely. "

With the new system, HISD will be better able to determine at the time a student's meal is served whether he or she has special nutritional or medical needs and qualifies for free or reduced-priced meals. It will also help the district to control costs and meet state and federal nutrition and data-reporting guidelines. In addition, parents will have online access to records of their child's cafeteria meal purchases and eating habits, be able to set up accounts to pay for meals, and be able to block the use of account funds to buy foods in the cafeteria that they don't want their child to eat.

Cybersoft's innovative technology assists food service programs to increase student participation and provide cost-effective, nutritious meals. Primero's advanced features speed students through meal lines, enabling them more time to eat and return to class energized. Cybersoft has also developed ParentOnline to provide parents with the ability to make meal payments for their children and view their food choices anytime over the Internet. With Primero, school districts achieve high accountability and can rest easy knowing that they are always audit-ready.

"We are pleased to partner with HISD to implement proven, best-in-class Cybersoft Primero technology for their food service department," said Ray Barger, Director of Sales and Marketing at Cybersoft Technologies. "We are confident that Primero will provide the HISD community with a single, integrated suite of high-value products that are complemented by superb Cybersoft customer service. With Primero, the district will scan eligibility applications and efficiently determine each student's status in a fraction of the time, resulting in an automatic update of all district Point of Service stations."

"I look forward to the faster, more efficient service that the Cybersoft Primero system will provide to the district's students, parents, and cafeteria workers," said Dr. Saavedra.

About Cybersoft

Founded in 1996, Cybersoft is headquartered in Houston, Texas, and is the leader in providing innovative software, services and solutions. Cybersoft's Educational Solutions Division develops and markets the Primero product suite for K-12 school district food service departments and continues to seek out and integrate new technological advancements. The Primero suite includes point of service, central office management, meal application eligibility scanning with document management, online payment system, menu planning and nutrient analysis, production management, inventory management, and personnel management with time tracking. The Consulting Services Division delivers customized business and technology solutions to customers in diverse industries. For more information, visit www.cybersoft.net.

About Houston Independent School District

The Houston Independent School District is the largest public school system in Texas and the seventh-largest in the U.S. with 210,000 students. Its schools are dedicated to giving every student the best possible education through an intensive core curriculum and specialized, challenging instructional and career programs. HISD is working hard to become Houstonians' K-12 school system of choice, constantly improving and refining instruction and management to make them as effective, productive, and economical as possible.

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