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Software To Provide More Funding For School Districts Through Integrated Free and Reduced Approval System

State College, PA – October 4, 2006 – Focal Tech, Inc. is introducing a free and reduced software module to help schools process free and reduced applications for the national school lunch program. The national school lunch program is a Federal program designed to help public schools and nonprofit private schools. This program provides nutritionally balanced meals either at low cost or free to qualified children each school day. This new module is a part of the LunchTime® School Lunch Software System application suite.

The software provides schools the ability to process applications quickly and easily, which helps increase their Federal funding. Processing free and reduced applications is a time consuming task for schools, most of them under a deadline within the first few months of the school year. Using this new software helps speed up processing by auto importing data from existing state and Federal sources which saves time by not having to retype information. Many calculations are involved to process free and reduced applications and this software calculates household income, eligibility, and status automatically. School districts that miss qualified students lose Federal funding, as well as not providing benefits to students who might require free and reduced meals. Keeping track of applications and household income can be a challenging task for schools. This new software also integrates data real time within the LunchTime® School Lunch Software point of sale system. The real time data integration means no more imports and exports are required between the free and reduced system and the point of sale system.

According to Steve Ramsey, “School districts can fall behind in processing free and reduced applications because of the large amount paperwork involved in processing applications. Using a software product that helps reduce the workload, more students who are eligible get qualified faster. This helps schools increase Federal funding for the program. More students get qualified and the school district gets more federal and state reimbursement dollars. It’s a win/win situation for all involved.”

Steve Ramsey is a Partner with Focal Tech, Inc. – the makers of the LunchTime® School Lunch Software System and a leading provider of IT and e-Business software solutions located in State College, PA. Focal Tech, Inc. currently has customers located in 44 US States and parts of Canada.

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