

Website Program Announcement **Maury County Public Schools**

The Maury County Public Schools System is always looking for ways to be more efficient and effective in our fiscal policies. While it may seem like a minor issue to some, receipt of non-sufficient fund (NSF) checks is a time consuming and costly issue. As with any business, Maury County Public Schools has an obligation to our parents, and the community taxpayers, to be financially responsible. Processing NSF checks takes valuable time from the school personnel. To manage this process, our district will begin using FARS (Federal Automated Recovery Systems) on October 20, 2008.

FARS utilizes the federal and state laws allowing the electronic recovery process of NSF checks which results in a high rate of recovery at no cost to the school district. The cost becomes the responsibility of those who wrote non-sufficient fund checks with the electronic recovery of the face amount of the check and the electronic recovery of the state fee from the check writer's bank account. Utilizing FARS is an effort by the district to be fiscally accountable in a more efficient and cost effective manner.

Maury County Public Schools will gladly accept checks. When a check is used as payment, the check writer authorizes us to process the payment as a check transaction, and to collect a fee through an electronic fund transfer from the check writer's account if the payment is returned unpaid.

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