

# MARGARETTA

## LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Superintendent**

Mr. Edward P. Kurt

March 21, 2011

Parents of Our Students

**Treasurer/Business Mgr.**

Mr. Jude T. Hammond

Re: Non-Sufficient Funds Checks/Use of eCollect

Dear Parents:

**School Board Members**

Mr. Mark Bodey

Mr. Elmer Lippert

Mr. Mike Myers

Mr. Steve Rankin

Mr. Roger Stark

The Margarettta School District is always looking for ways to become more efficient and effective when it comes to fiscal responsibility. While it may seem like a minor issue, receipt of non-sufficient fund (NSF) checks is a time consuming and costly issue. The Board of Education has determined to use a company called eCollect of Ohio to assist in the collection of the NSF checks.

**Board of Education**

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ECollect utilizes federal and state laws allowing the electronic recovery of funds which results in a higher rate of recovery at no cost to the school district. The cost becomes the responsibility of those who write the NSF checks. ECollect will remove electronically the amount of the check and a \$30 fee from the checking account from which the funds were intended to be drawn. A portion of the fee is shared with the school district.

**We will continue to accept checks on the condition that the check writer authorizes us to process the payment as a check transaction or an electronic funds transfer from the account in the event the check is returned NSF. We will begin the process effective April 4, 2011 for all checks deposited from that point forward.**

**Margarettta High School**

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If you wish to use an alternative method to avoid the fee, we also will continue to accept payments for fees and lunches on-line using EZPay. EZPay can be accessed on our website at [www.margarettta.k12.oh.us](http://www.margarettta.k12.oh.us).

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If you have questions or concerns, regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (419)684-5322 or by email at [jhammond@margarettta.k12.oh.us](mailto:jhammond@margarettta.k12.oh.us).

Sincerely Yours,

Jude T. Hammond  
Treasurer