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**Funding priorities**

School district to present requests for 2008-09 to Fund Board tonight

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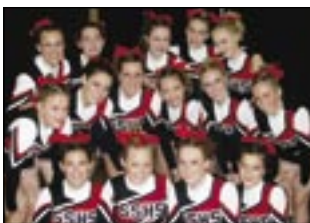
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**Security cameras mounted inside** local schools could give authorities a means to both prevent and react to crimes against people and property on school district grounds. While many administrators support exterior surveillance, the school board has postponed making a decision on interior cameras citing privacy and civil liberties concerns.

**An eye on security**

Steamboat Springs School Board ponders video cameras in district schools

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A school official is questioning a plan to install security cameras in Steamboat schools, citing authoritarian measures in George Orwell's classic novel "1984."

"For something like cameras, even with kids in the elementary schools to be monitored by cameras, I don't want to be

part of the ... acceptance of no right to privacy," said Steamboat Springs School Board member John DeVincentis, a former principal at Strawberry Park Elementary School. "That is one of our Constitutional rights — a right to privacy."

Such cameras would be part of a \$533,000 federal grant to help boost security measures at all four schools in the Steamboat Springs School

District. The "Secure Our Schools" grant will be administered through the city of Steamboat Springs.

New security equipment could include external school surveillance cameras, which record activity outside of school buildings; electronic key card access systems; handheld and mobile radios; and bi-directional radio amplifiers to improve communications. To help match the grant, dis-

trict officials have set aside \$250,000 from the \$29.5 million bond issue to build a new Soda Creek Elementary School and expand Strawberry Park, passed by voters in November 2006. The district also plans to ask the Education Fund Board, which manages the city's half-cent sales tax for education, for \$250,000 throughout a two-year period.

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**SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT**



**Steamboat Ski Area**

New snow — Mid-mountain*	<b>0 in.</b>	Total snow†	<b>52 in.</b>
New snow — Summit	<b>0 in.</b>	Trails open	<b>22/165</b>
Base — Mid-mountain	<b>19 in.</b>	Lifts open	<b>4/20</b>
Base — Summit	<b>19 in.</b>	Conditions	<b>Manmade</b>

\*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day;  
 † total snow beginning Oct. 18 as measured at mid-mountain



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