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**Steamboat Springs High School senior Jasper Gantick** does some school work during a free period after lunch Thursday in the school's commons area. Eighty-five percent of the school's students rated the school A or B in a recent Harris Interactive survey.

# School survey disappoints

## Harris Interactive results prove not as helpful as anticipated

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The results of the Harris Interactive school survey are in, but an error in the survey's administration has left some local school officials disappointed.

Steamboat Springs High School Principal Kevin Taulman did not get as much from the survey as he would have hoped, he said. The results of

the survey, administered at the end of the past school year, lack many of the answers school officials were hoping for because of a programming error that gave the wrong survey to students at Steamboat Springs middle and high schools.

The survey also was conducted in 2006. District officials intended to use the same wording on both surveys to measure district growth during the two-year time period.

The results of the district-

wide survey will be presented at the Oct. 6 Steamboat Springs School Board meeting by a representative of the New York-based Harris Interactive.

The survey drew a total of 1,922 respondents, including parents, school staff and students. All students, teachers and staff completed the survey on the Web, while parents were mailed paper questionnaires.

"I didn't get much out of

it; it's pretty disappointing," Taulman said. "I was actually looking forward to seeing it, to seeing where things are going and giving me some areas we could focus on as a school. But knowing that we don't have great current data, I want to make sure we're working on the overall climate of the whole school."

Of the usable data, the issue that was listed as the biggest

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