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Soda Creek Elementary School third-graders Alex Eakins, lower right, and Zinedin Bautista eat lunch Tuesday at the school.

Lunch policy pays off

School district's move to refuse hot meals brings in overdue payments

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In the first week of a new school lunch program preventing students from charging on overdue accounts, the amount of meal fees owed to the Steamboat Springs School District decreased from \$10,000 to \$2,800.

By Superintendent Shalee Cunningham's calculations,

that makes the program a success.

"I think we did what we needed to," Cunningham said. "I certainly don't feel that anyone went hungry. We made sure they all ate."

Even so, some students will remain on a regimen of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches until all overdue fees are paid.

The new policy attracted nationwide attention when the district did not serve hot

lunches to students with lunch accounts owing \$6 or more, the equivalent of two lunches. On the first day back from the holiday break, Jan. 5, Steamboat Springs elementary school students who did not have the funds were given a pack of sunflower seeds and snacks, while middle school and high school students were cut off from any school food.

Since that time, elementary students have been given a pea-

nut butter and jelly sandwich each day if their account is overdrawn.

Nutritional Services Director Max Huppert said he was happy with the results. By Tuesday — a week after the program took effect — the number of overdue accounts in the district had declined from about 500 to a little more than 100, and most of those are at the middle

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

Table with snow report data: New snow - Mid-mountain\* 3 in., Total snow† 198 in., Trails open 165/165, Lifts open 16/18, Conditions Powder/packed powder.

\*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 21 as measured at mid-mountain FOR UP-TO-DATE ROAD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING RABBIT EARS PASS, call 511 or visit: www.cotrip.org

