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MATT STENSLAND/STAFF

Strawberry Park Elementary School para-professional Emily Currie, left, reacts after Wells Fargo employee Jessica Dumas tells Currie her Social Security number was not one of the 1,300 numbers compromised Tuesday night when a school district laptop was stolen. Currie was told she was not affected because she was a new employee.

Staff takes security steps

School district employees turn to banks for peace of mind

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Steamboat Springs educators are visiting local banks in droves after the revelation that 1,300 Social Security numbers were stolen from Steamboat Springs School District offices in a break-in Tuesday night.

Local bank officials said past and present employees of the district began calling and visiting bank offices Wednesday afternoon, when news broke that a laptop was stolen from the financial offices at the George P.

Sauer Human Services Center on Seventh Street. The computer contains a spreadsheet with names and Social Security numbers for all employees for the district in the past 10 years. Although it is unclear whether the thieves were able to access the data, because the computer is password-protected, district officials are recommending employees stay alert.

Anne Muhme, assistant to the superintendent, said the district is recommending employees contact one of the three credit monitoring agencies and sign up for a 90-day fraud alert

on the account.

District Finance Director Dale Mellor, the owner of the stolen laptop, said district officials also are discussing the possibility of paying for 30 days of credit monitoring for each of the individuals on the list.

"We don't know what it costs, we don't know what it entails ... (and) we don't know if that's financially feasible," he said.

Mellor said no bank information was on the stolen laptop. Employee direct deposit and bank information is stored on the district network. Muhme and Superintendent Shalee Cun-

Are you at risk?

If you have worked for the Steamboat Springs School District in the past 10 years, your name and Social Security number likely were on a laptop stolen Tuesday night. To check whether you were included, call the district offices at 871-3199.

ingham said there is no indication the thieves would be able to access that information.

"They're monitoring it, and it's not going to happen," Muhme said.

Because of that, Mellor said,

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	3 in.	Total snow†	294 in.
New snow — Summit	3 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	66 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	85 in.	Conditions	Packed powder/spring

*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

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