

Tom Field



CIS Names New Interim Director



Tom Field and Bruce Murray

Tom Field, the Executive Director of Communities In Schools of Madison County (CISMC) for the past eight years, has taken the job of Madison County GEAR UP Coordinator. In his place the CISMC Board of Directors has hired Bruce Murray as the Interim Director to complete the school year.

Bruce Murray has been working as the part-time site coordinator at Brush Creek Elementary School for CISMC bringing a math tutoring program to fourth and fifth graders. He will continue to tutor students, while he takes on the Interim Director job.

“I’m completely committed to the goals of CISMC and excited by the challenge of taking on the management of the organization that does so much to help the children of Madison County,” said Murray. “My strength is knowing the community and having an ability to talk to people. I look forward to learning the details of the job.”

Field has led CISMC through good times and rocky times. He has been a strong and effective director and will be missed. Fortunately

he won't be far away and will continue to provide a vital service to the students of Madison County.

"This is a win-win for the children of Madison County," said Field. "While CIS helps keep students in school and graduating, GEAR UP will guide kids beyond high school into further education for a successful life."

GEAR UP stands for "Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs" and is a national college access initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Field will be tracking students from Madison Middle School through high school.

Communities In Schools is a nationwide, nonprofit organization that matches local people and resources to the needs of local children. CIS is dedicated to empowering students to stay in school and achieve in life. CISMC performs its important work through the generosity of community members who support Madison County children through donations of time and funds. For more information about CISMC, how to volunteer, or to donate to its programs for Madison County students, contact Interim Director Bruce Murray at 649-9276 extension 248 or online at: bmurray@madisonk12.net. Visit the CISMC website: <http://madison.communitiesinschools.org>.