**Minority grades urged as priority**

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The Madison school district's 4-year-old integration program should be kept because any changes would be difficult to carry out, according to department officials.

The goal before school officials was to create a balanced integration throughout the district, Travis said.

“The program has been successful for the most part in balancing students and in desegregating two of our schools. Those two schools have shown that integration is not impossible, not only to the Integrated Planning Committee, but to the district,” he said.

Travis declined to offer details of his announcement as he opened the investigation, saying, “It is not necessarily supposed to happen that way. It’s not something that’s going to be done. But why don’t they tell me?”

“Some people do not attend the hearing scheduled to be held next month.”

River City reported in the meeting on Monday of a report recommending keeping the integration program. The hearing was rescheduled for November.

A special hearing for the purpose of discussing the district’s program was rescheduled for the near future.

The board plans to hold a meeting to discuss the issue of integration in the near future.

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**Winter survival means preparation**

By ROBB SUJANSKY  Clarion-Times Staff Writer

Cold and snowy weather will unfortunately mean that many in Madison area today, can be hard to avoid.

The snow and bitter winds that will hit the area this morning will make it difficult to go outside for long periods of time.

A general rule to avoid is to avoid the cold and snowy weather as much as possible.

Another concern is the potential for severe weather conditions, such as wind and snow, which can make it difficult to go outside.

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One tactic is to get out as early as possible to avoid the worst of the weather. Another is to make sure you have warm clothing and a good place to stay inside.

Overall, the key is to be prepared for the worst and to take the necessary precautions to stay safe.