

**Statement from Pepin Academies Regarding the Passing of Dr. Craig Butz**  
*Chairman of the Pepin Academies Hillsborough Campuses, Dr. Jeff Skowronek*

“We are shocked and saddened to hear of the unexpected and tragic loss of Pepin Academies’ Executive Director, Dr. Craig Butz. In my four years working with Dr. Butz, he advanced the mission of Pepin Academies tenfold. His wisdom and intelligence was matched by his passion and exuberance for the staff and students of our schools. He was a leader, a champion, and a friend. The pain of his loss, both professionally and personally, will be felt for an eternity.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, especially his young daughter who remains in critical condition. We ask that their privacy be respected during this sad and difficult time. Pepin Academies will have bereavement specialists at the school on Monday to help grieving students and staff cope with this tragic loss.”

**Statement from Pepin Distributing Company Regarding the Passing of Dr. Craig Butz**  
*President of Pepin Distributing Company, Tom Pepin*

“The Pepin family is devastated by this tragic accident. Craig was not only a respected and dedicated educator, but also a great father and friend. Under his inspired leadership, Pepin Academies has grown to better the lives of students with learning-related disabilities. Craig was a wonderful and infectious educator, whose passion for his staff and students was evident every day. He inspired countless students to realize their full potential and achieve their goals, both in and outside of the classroom.

“I am heartbroken and ask everyone to pray that his daughter can make a full recovery.”

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