

Hapeville Charter Career Academy

A Fulton county public charter high school in partnership with Atlanta Technical College

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is with a heavy heart that I share the unexpected loss of one of our beloved teachers, Mr. Lowry Green. Mr. Lowry Green was a Social Studies teacher at our school for two years and had been a football coach. He was also a Special Education teacher at Hapeville Charter Middle School and had previously worked in Fulton County Schools.

Mr. Green passed away due to a sudden illness earlier this evening. We ask that you join us as we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Green family and to the students and staff who were close to him. His sister, Mrs. Sonia Hill, is also a math teacher at our school. Please keep Mrs. Green, the Green children, Mrs. Hill, and the entire Green family in your thoughts and prayers.

We will have counselors available on Monday to talk with any students who might need some extra support. We encourage you to talk to your child too. We suggest you listen to your child if they need to talk and answer any questions he or she might have simply and honestly. The death of a teacher may affect your child in a variety of ways depending on his or her age, how well he or she knew Mr. Green, and your child's prior experience with grief. When reacting to death, your child may:

- Appear to not be affected
- Be thinking about it privately
- Ask numerous questions
- Be frightened
- Be agitated or angry
- Be sad and withdrawn
- Display a noticeable change in behavior.

If you wish to have a counselor speak individually with your child, please contact the school. In addition, our counselors can provide you with community resources and referrals for additional grief counseling support. Please keep the family of Mr. Green and Ms. Hill in your thoughts along with the Hapeville Charter Career Academy family. This is a great loss to our school community.

Sincerely,

Candace S. Bethea

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