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Pearl B. Larsen PreK-8 School to Remain Closed Monday, March 24, 2025, Due to Water Line Repairs

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) is advising all parents, guardians, faculty, staff, and students of Pearl B. Larsen PreK-8 School that the campus will remain closed on Monday, March 24, 2025, as critical repairs to the school's water system continue.

This action follows the early dismissal of students on Friday, March 21st, due to a broken water pipe that significantly impacted the school's ability to maintain adequate water service for daily operations. Immediate response and investigation by the Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance (BSCM) revealed the need for a more comprehensive solution beyond a simple repair, prompting a full upgrade of the water supply line that services the school's campus.

Over the weekend, BSCM personnel have been actively engaged in site assessments, procurement of necessary materials, and preparation for extensive repair work aimed at restoring consistent and safe access to water throughout the facility. The Department recognizes the disruption this presents for families and faculty and assures the public that restoring normal operations remains a top priority.

VIDE's leadership, in collaboration with the school's administrative team, is working diligently to explore all viable options to minimize interruptions to student learning. This includes the potential for a temporary transition to virtual learning should in-person instruction remain impacted beyond Monday. More detailed guidance regarding instructional continuity will be provided should that step become necessary.

VIDE and BSCM will continue coordinated efforts to ensure safe and sustainable water access. An official update regarding school operations for Tuesday, March 25, will be shared on Monday as BSCM continues its work and progress is evaluated. In the meantime, parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to stay informed through VIDE's official communication platforms. School will remain closed on Monday, March 24, 2025.

VIDE apologizes for any inconvenience this temporary closure may cause and sincerely thanks the Pearl B. Larsen school community for their continued patience, flexibility, and understanding as we work toward a safe and efficient resolution. The health, safety, and educational continuity of our students and staff remain a priority.

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