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### **URGENT ALERT – St. Croix Educational Complex High School to Close Friday, August 15, 2025, Due to Water Pump Issue**

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) is notifying parents, guardians, faculty, and staff of the St. Croix Educational Complex High School (SCEC) of an urgent operational update. The St. Croix Educational Complex High School will be closed on Friday, August 15, 2025.

Earlier today, the Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance (BSCM) informed the VIDE of ongoing efforts to address a water pump issue that has resulted in low water pressure across the SCEC campus. While attempts were made to resolve the problem today, the BSCM and the contracted repair team were unable to fully restore normal water service.

The contractor remains on-site and has determined that additional work, extending into the weekend, is required to completely address the issue. New water pumps will replace the damaged pumps, ensuring a long-term resolution.

In the interest of protecting the health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff and to prevent any further disruption due to lack of water for restrooms and other essential facilities **the St. Croix Educational Complex High School will be closed on Friday, August 15, 2025.**

However, **the St. Croix Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) side of the campus will remain open and maintain normal school operations on Friday, August 15, 2025,** as water pressure on that side of the campus is functioning at the needed capacity.

The VIDE understands the disruption this causes, particularly at the start of a new school year, and sincerely apologizes for the inconvenience to families, students, and staff. We appreciate your patience and understanding as the BSCM works diligently to complete the necessary repairs.

Based on information provided by the BSCM, all repairs are expected to be completed over the weekend, allowing the St. Croix Educational Complex High School to resume normal operations at the start of next week. We will continue to provide timely updates to keep all stakeholders informed.

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