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### **IMPORTANT UPDATE:**

### **ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025**

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) is notifying parents, guardians, faculty, staff, and students that all public schools Territory-wide will resume full operations on Monday, August 18, 2025.

Following the recent passage of Hurricane Erin, the VIDE is grateful to report that schools are prepared to welcome students back to their classrooms. This includes the St. Croix Educational Complex High School (SCEC), which was closed on Friday due to a water pump issue. The problem has since been fully resolved through the efforts of the Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance (BSCM) working over the weekend to ensure a safe and functional learning environment.

The VIDE recognizes the challenges that hurricane season brings for families across our Territory whether it is coping with emotional stress, limited resources, or disruptions to everyday necessities such as water and electricity. Our thoughts remain with all those who continue to recover from the storm. As students, educators, and staff return to campuses, the VIDE hopes that schools can once again provide stability, connection, and a sense of normalcy for our children.

As we remain in hurricane season through November, the VIDE will continue to work closely with the BSCM to maintain safe facilities and minimize interruptions to learning. Families are reminded to stay vigilant and prepared, and to follow updates from official VIDE communication platforms for the most accurate and timely information.

The VIDE thanks the entire Virgin Islands community for its patience, resilience, and continued support of our students during this time. Together, we will ensure that learning continues and that our schools remain safe, supportive places for all.

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