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**ALL ST. CROIX DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSED AS VIPD
CONDUCTS DISTRICT-WIDE SECURITY SWEEPS**

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) is informing the public that **all public schools in the St. Croix District will be closed immediately, Monday, August 25, 2025**, due to rising safety concerns and out of an abundance of caution to protect students, faculty, and staff. The Virgin Islands Police Department (VIPD) and other law enforcement personnel will conduct searches and security sweeps at all schools in the St. Croix District to ensure campuses are secure before resuming operations tomorrow.

Heightened security measures are also being implemented across both Districts as the VIDE, VIPD, and other federal law enforcement partners proactively work to ensure the safety of all campuses. School buses will be dispatched to pick up students who utilize school bus transportation, as all schools will be immediately dismissed.

A significant number of school monitors on St. Croix have reported out sick, severely impacting the Department's ability to safely manage school campuses. At the same time, the VIPD has activated safety protocols to search, sweep, and secure campuses in the St. Croix District following the circulation of a potential threat across multiple platforms.

As part of precautionary measures, VIPD will also conduct searches and security sweeps at schools in the St. Thomas–St. John (STTJ) District. However, schools in the STTJ District will remain open. It is important to note that no active threats have been made against STTJ District schools. Law enforcement personnel will carry out their due diligence to ensure all campuses are safe and cleared of any possible concerns.

VIDE underscores that the safety of students, faculty, and staff remains its highest priority. The VIDE, in close coordination with VIPD, will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary through its official platforms.

The VIPD also reminds the public that threats of any kind are not taken lightly, and making such threats is a crime under Virgin Islands law.

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