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## Virgin Islands Department of Education Releases Annual School Report Cards and Accountability Ratings

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE), in collaboration with the Center for Assessment, has finalized the framework for the Virgin Islands Students and Teachers Accountability System (VISTAS). In a continued commitment to transparency and student success, this innovative system equips districts and schools with relevant, data-driven insights to support targeted school improvement initiatives.

Through VISTAS, schools can engage in meaningful discussions centered on goals, strategies, and measurable outcomes, particularly those designed to improve performance in the Territory's lowest-performing schools.

The Annual School Report Cards serve as a key component of this accountability framework. These reports offer a comprehensive overview of school performance through data breakdowns, consistent metrics, and clear communication strategies developed by VIDE's Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation. This office oversees all aspects of data management, analysis, and reporting while ensuring compliance with both federal and territorial policies.

## **About the Accountability Report Cards**

Each public school in the Virgin Islands will receive an annual report card and rating, which will be published on the VIDE public website. The reports will include:

- A Five-Level Classification System (Five-Star Rating)
- A Composite Accountability Index Value (points)
- Indicator Values (points)
- Weights Assigned to Each Indicator
- Component Indicator Values (points)
- Weights for Component Indicators

This comprehensive approach provides stakeholders, to include parents, educators, and policymakers with accessible information to better understand school performance and support improvement efforts. VIDE remains dedicated to fostering educational excellence and accountability across all public schools in the U.S. Virgin Islands.