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## **VIDE Provides Update on School Operations for Friday, September 19, 2025**

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) acknowledges the challenges that come with receiving updates on school operations during rapidly changing situations. We recognize that parents, guardians, faculty, and staff rely on timely and accurate information, and we thank the community for its patience and understanding as decisions are made in consultation with our official partners.

When faced with unpredictable matters such as changing weather conditions, electrical service interruptions, or false threats against schools VIDE works closely with the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (WAPA), the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA), the Virgin Islands Police Department (VIPD), and Government House, among others. This collaborative process requires careful verification to ensure accuracy before public announcements are issued.

VIDE remains committed to providing timely information across its official communication platforms. However, conditions can change quickly, and updates may be adjusted as new information becomes available. On Thursday, September 18, 2025, schools were initially reported as remaining open. However, following an update on conditions from Governor Albert Bryan Jr., and his decision to close government offices, VIDE announced the closure of schools for the remainder of the day.

### **School Operations for Friday, September 19, 2025**

#### **St. Croix District (STX)**

- All schools in the STX District will remain closed on Friday, September 19, 2025.
- This decision was made due to weather conditions that continue to impact the island, including heavy rainfall that has left some schools in need of assessment and cleanup.
- Essential school employees including administrators, custodial staff, school monitors, and kitchen staff are required to report to their respective campuses to assist with assessments and restoration efforts.
- There will be no school for students in the St. Croix District on Friday, September 19, 2025.

#### **St. Thomas – St. John District (STTJ)**

- On September 18, 2025, schools in the STTJ District were disrupted due to electrical service interruptions.
- VIDE remains in contact with WAPA and has been informed that electrical feeders are being restored. Full restoration is anticipated, enabling regular school operations to resume on Friday, September 19, 2025.
- All students, faculty, and staff in the St. Thomas – St. John District are expected to report to school as scheduled on Friday, September 19, 2025.

VIDE reminds the public that weather and electrical service situations are unpredictable and subject to rapid change. Parents and guardians should rely on VIDE's official communication channels for information: VIDE Facebook Page: Virgin Islands Department of Education, VIDE Website: [vide.vi](http://vide.vi), and School Facebook Pages and Websites.

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