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VIDE ANNOUNCES ABBREVIATED SCHEDULE FOR BERTHA C. BOSCHULTE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND BSCM UPDATES ON MAINTENANCE PROGRESS

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) announces that Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School (BCB) will operate on an abbreviated schedule from Monday, November 17, 2025, through Monday, January 5, 2026, maintain continuity of instruction and allow for critical maintenance on campus. This decision was made with the utmost concern for the health, safety, and continued learning of the school community.

During this period, the school day will begin at the regular time of 7:20 a.m., and students will be dismissed at 12:50 p.m. each day. Teachers will provide students with independent learning opportunities and homework assignments to be completed after dismissal. All formative assessments will take place in person while students are on campus; tests and quizzes will not be sent home.

The abbreviated schedule will be posted and shared directly with students and parents by the BCB administration. Parents and guardians are encouraged to monitor teacher communication platforms for daily assignments, expectations, and important updates. Students are responsible for completing all assigned work.

This adjustment follows the deep cleaning and sanitization of affected classrooms, and a review of data indicating that many families face challenges with internet connectivity and device access—making a full virtual schedule impractical. The modified school hours will allow the Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance (BSCM) additional time to complete essential repairs while ensuring that students maintain academic continuity in a safe, stable, and supportive environment.

BSCM Updates on Required Maintenance

The VIDE and BSCM remain committed to ensuring that all students, teachers, and staff learn and work in a healthy environment. To that end, the BSCM has initiated the following actions:

- **Cleaning and sanitization of affected classrooms** was conducted on October 4th, 5th, 11th, and 12th. All surfaces including walls, floors, and desks were cleaned, followed by an electrostatic sanitization process to address bacteria and mold in the environment.
- **Mold assessment and remediation** will begin immediately through the Government of the Virgin Islands (GVI) task order contracts.

- **The procurement process is underway** to secure quotes for the repair and replacement of air-conditioning units across the campus.
- **Contractors are currently on site** conducting evaluations of the rubberized and standing seam roofing systems to determine the scope of necessary repairs.

The VIDE and BSCM will continue to communicate progress to the public as work advances. Families and community members may follow BSCM's official Facebook page, BSCM (Bureau of School Construction), for ongoing project updates.

VIDE extends gratitude to the BCB faculty, staff, students, and families for their cooperation during this transitional period.

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