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VIRGIN ISLANDS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STATEMENT ON ARREST OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL; INTERNAL INVESTIGATION REMAINS ONGOING

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) is aware of the recent arrest of Mr. Clifton Boyd, an assistant principal in the St. Thomas–St. John School District. The Department has been actively and thoroughly investigating allegations of inappropriate sexual conduct by Mr. Boyd, and this investigation remains ongoing despite the arrest.

The VIDE takes these allegations with the utmost seriousness. Any form of misconduct especially conduct that violates the safety, dignity, and trust of our students is unacceptable and has no place within our school system. If the allegations are proven true, it is deeply regrettable that such behavior was committed by an employee entrusted with the care of our students.

The VIDE is fully committed to supporting all potential victims in every way possible. We want to assure families and the community that student safety is and will always remain our highest priority.

The Department has reinforced with leadership personnel at every level the critical responsibility of mandatory reporting and continues to provide annual training to ensure compliance with reporting requirements.

The VIDE will continue to cooperate fully with local and federal law enforcement agencies throughout the course of this investigation. We remain steadfast in our responsibility to protect the well-being of every child in our care and to hold accountable anyone who violates that trust.

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