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## **Virgin Islands Department of Education Reminds Motorists to Obey School Bus Laws Following Student Injury**

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) is reminding all motorists of the critical importance of strictly following traffic laws and safety requirements when encountering a school bus transporting students.

VIDE was made aware of an incident this morning in which a student was injured while a school bus was actively engaged in student transport. The student is currently receiving medical treatment. Commissioner Dionne Wells-Hedrington visited the student earlier today to offer support and well wishes.

This incident serves as a serious reminder that when a school bus is stopped with its signals activated, drivers are legally required to stop and follow all school bus safety protocols without exception. These laws are in place to protect our students as they travel to and from school.

The Virgin Islands Department of Education will continue working closely with the Virgin Islands Police Department to ensure these requirements are enforced and that motorists understand the responsibility they carry when sharing the road with school buses.

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