



NEWSLETTER



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR VISIONARY LEADERSHIP

We began our year with sessions focused on visionary leadership, guiding our leaders to create and articulate a compelling vision for their schools. These sessions equipped our participants with the skills to inspire and lead their teams towards a shared goal.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

Strategic planning was a cornerstone of our academy, with intensive workshops that helped leaders develop robust, actionable plans. These plans are now driving success and achieving measurable outcomes across the districts.

EMPOWERING LEADERS TO GO FROM GOOD TO GREAT

As we wrap up another remarkable year at the USVI Leadership Academy, we reflect on the significant strides our leaders have taken in their journey from good to great. This year has been transformative, marked by a commitment to excellence, innovation, and unwavering dedication to the development of our educational leaders.

LEADING TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE

Our leaders delved into the complexities of transformational change, learning to navigate and implement change effectively. The emphasis was on fostering a culture of continuous improvement and adaptability.

COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION

We dedicated two comprehensive sessions to enhancing communication and collaboration. Leaders learned to build strong, cohesive teams and foster an environment of trust and open dialogue.

DATA-INFORMED DECISION MAKING

Our leaders were trained to harness the power of data to inform their decisions, ensuring that their strategies are evidence-based and impactful. This approach has led to more effective interventions and improved student outcomes.

ETHICAL LEADERSHIP AND INTEGRITY

Emphasizing the importance of ethical leadership, we provided our leaders with the tools to navigate ethical dilemmas with integrity and transparency, building a foundation of trust within their communities.

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND RESILIENT LEADERSHIP

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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

Leaders learned to engage stakeholders effectively and build strong community partnerships, essential for creating a supportive and inclusive educational environment.

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH MINDSET

Our final sessions encouraged a growth mindset and continuous professional development, ensuring that our leaders remain lifelong learners committed to their personal and professional growth.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are grateful for the Governor's unwavering support and shared commitment to strengthening public education in the Virgin Islands. His investment in leadership development, including the Leadership Academy, has reinforced our efforts to build the capacity of educators and administrators. Guided by the Commissioner's visionary leadership, the Department remains focused on improving student outcomes by strengthening instructional leadership, fostering accountability, and ensuring every student has access to high-quality learning opportunities that prepare them for lifelong success.

We would like to commend our cabinet members, principals, and assistant principals for their exceptional openness and active participation in our Leadership Academy. Your dedication to continuous learning and your willingness to engage in meaningful dialogue have significantly enriched our sessions. By embracing new ideas, sharing your invaluable insights, and collaborating with peers, you have exemplified true leadership and a commitment to excellence. Your proactive involvement has not only enhanced your own professional growth but also set a remarkable example for others. We are grateful for your contributions and look forward to the continued positive impact you will make in our educational community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to National Academic Educational Partners (NAEP) for their exceptional facilitation and training throughout this year. Their expertise and dedication have been instrumental in the success of our academy, providing our leaders with the knowledge and skills to excel.

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LOOKING FORWARD

As we look ahead to the new year, we are excited to continue this journey of growth and excellence. We are committed to building on the foundations laid this year, further empowering our leaders to achieve greatness and drive positive change in our educational system.

Thank you to all our participants, facilitators, and partners for making this year a resounding success. Together, we are creating a brighter future for our schools and our communities.



Dionne Wells-Hedrington Commissioner