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**VIDE Announces 9 A.M. Delayed Opening for St. Thomas–St. John
Public Schools and District and State Offices**

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) announces a delayed opening for all public schools in the St. Thomas–St. John District on Thursday, October 22, 2026, due to an island-wide power outage, per advisement of the Water and Power Authority (WAPA).

All public schools in the St. Thomas–St. John District will open at 9:00 a.m. District and State Offices will also open at 9:00 a.m.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to ensure students arrive at school safely and in accordance with the revised opening time. Faculty, staff, and members of the public conducting business with District and State Offices should also plan accordingly.

The Department will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary through its official communication channels. Families, students, employees, and the wider community are encouraged to follow official VIDE announcements for the latest information.

The Virgin Islands Department of Education appreciates the public's patience, cooperation, and understanding as the Territory navigates this disruption.

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