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Virgin Islands Department of Education Announces 9:00 a.m. School Start for St. Thomas-St. John District Due to District Wide Power Outage

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) advises students, parents and guardians, faculty, and staff that the start of the school day will be delayed until 9:00 a.m. today, Tuesday, August 11, 2026, due to a widespread power outage impacting the St. Thomas-St. John District (STTJ).

The delayed start for the STTJ District will provide students, families, and employees with additional time to safely prepare for the school day while the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (WAPA) continues efforts to restore electrical service.

VIDE recognizes the challenges and inconvenience caused by the power outage, particularly as families and employees prepare for the school and workday. The additional time will also allow the Department to assess conditions at school campuses as electrical service is restored and ensure facilities are prepared to receive students.

STTJ District public schools are expected to begin operations at 9:00 a.m. today unless otherwise announced. Students, parents and guardians, faculty, and staff are encouraged to monitor VIDE's official communication channels for any additional updates or changes to school operations.

The Department will continue to closely monitor restoration efforts and conditions across both school districts and will provide timely updates should circumstances change. VIDE thanks students, families, faculty, staff, and the broader school community for their patience, flexibility, and cooperation as we navigate this unexpected disruption. The safety and well-being of our students and employees remain the Department's highest priority.