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# VIRGIN ISLANDS BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES NOTIFICATION OF CERTIFICATION SERVICES ON ST. CROIX

The 18th Virgin Islands Board of Education wishes to announce that we will be scheduling certification appointments for teachers and administrators, and that scholarship checks are available for pickup on the islands of St. Croix.

"We will have a certification officer available in our St. Croix office from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2017. As a result of the Hurricanes Irma and Maria impacting the lives of everyone in the Virgin Islands, we made the decision to extend the deadline to the end of 2017 in order to give all our professionals the opportunity to become certified or recertified," said Acting Executive Director Emmett Hansen. "We urge all professionals who are in need of the aforementioned services to either contact us via email for an appointment at <a href="mailto:stx@myviboe.com">stx@myviboe.com</a>, with the subject "Certification Appointment". Those who do not have access to email may send a text message with their name email address, and phone contact information to (340) 473-7522. Professionals may also visit our new office located at #6 King Street, Christiansted (across from the Florence Williams Library), he said.

The Virgin Islands Board of Education office in St. Thomas fortunately received very little damage and has been open during normal operation hours. All education professionals are urged to utilize the services of the St. Thomas staff in order to meet all certification deadlines.

Additionally, the Board of Education has received additional scholarship/loan checks for the 2017-2018 awardees.

"We ask that all students who have been notified they are 2017 – 2018 awardees to check our St. Thomas and St. Croix offices to see if their checks have been received in the office," Hansen said. "We understand the funds are needed to assist in your continuing education and we wish to fulfill our commitment to you. The contact information listed above can be used to inquire as to the status of the checks," he concluded.

Finally, the entire Virgin Islands Board of Education family wishes everyone the best for the holiday season and a rapid recover.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Virgin Islands Board of Education is committed to its vision and will promote the transformation of the structure of existing public education through:

1. governance over the public education system; 2. improved student, parent, teacher relationship; 3. comprehensive community engagement; 4. standards that promote high academic achievement; 5. creation of an environment that is conducive to effective communication; 6. enhanced quality of professional development for all; 7. provision of adequate resources to achieve our vision, goals and objectives.

### **VISION STATEMENT**