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In commemoration of the 2019 American Education Week, the 19th Virgin Islands Board of Education, would like to express our sincere thanks to all of our education professionals for all they do for our children. We especially wish to acknowledge Zahra O'reilly Bates, the 2019 Teacher of the Year for the St. Croix district and Michaelrose Ravalier, Teacher of the Year in the St. Thomas-St. John district.

We are encouraging Virgin Islands students and education professionals, who wish to pursue higher education, to apply for financial assistance during our upcoming scholarship application period which will begin in January 2020. Please stay tuned for notices on your favorite radio stations and in the local newspapers.

We also urge the general public to become involved with our students in a positive way! Be a part of the solution and help our children grow into productive members of the Virgin Islands community. Remember the theme of American Education Week is Reach, Educate and Inspire!

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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