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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE 19TH VIRGIN ISLANDS BOARD OF EDUCATION

The 19th Virgin Islands Board of Education (VIBE) would like to wish the entire Virgin Islands community a cheerful and peaceful Holiday Season.

“We are hopeful that the traditional spirit of our islands returns and that our families, friends and neighbors can celebrate this special time of year in fellowship and camaraderie,” said VIBE Chairperson Arah C. Lockhart. “This is a time when we all should be coming together to reminisce about the past and look forward to a bright future”.

The VIBE members also extend their appreciation to teachers and all education personnel for their efforts toward educating our Territory’s children and ensuring their safety.

“Virgin Islanders are well aware that it takes a village to raise a child, so let us continue in that spirit. As keepers of the village, let us look over all of our children as we celebrate our rich heritage and culture during this festive time of year,” Lockhart continued.

“Students are asked to avoid unsafe areas and to communicate with parents or legal authorities any threats, bullying or other illegal activities. Additionally, remember to wear seatbelts while riding in a vehicle. Sadly, over the years, far too many young lives have been lost due to their failure to take the simple act of buckling up. Finally, no texting while driving, adhere to established curfew hours and stay away from alcohol and drugs!

Our children are precious gems with unlimited potential, and they need the guidance and support of every parent, neighbor, and mentor. May the Good Lord bless and keep you all.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for a safe and prosperous New Year,” Lockhart concluded.

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

To ensure that each child is provided with the best quality education which promotes our history and culture, guarantees academic achievement and builds strong communities.