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Virgin Islands Board of Education Members Advocate for Students at 2024 National School Boards Association Equity and Advocacy Conference

Members of the Virgin Islands Board of Education attended the 2024 National School Boards Association (NSBA) Equity and Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC, January 27 through January 30, 2024, to address critical education matters impacting students across the Virgin Islands. The conference brought together education leaders, policymakers, and advocates from across the nation to discuss and collaborate on issues of equity and advocacy in education.

During the conference, the Virgin Islands Board of Education representatives actively participated in workshops, panels, and discussions aimed at advancing equitable education policies and practices. Key focus areas included addressing educational disparities, promoting inclusive learning environments, and advocating for increased federal support for Virgin Islands schools.

In a significant development, the Board members had the opportunity to meet with Congresswoman Stacey E. Plaskett to discuss pressing education matters affecting students in the Virgin Islands. The discussions centered around securing federal resources, improving infrastructure, and fostering policies that ensure equitable educational opportunities for all students.

Board Chairman Dr. Kyza A. Callwood expressed gratitude for the opportunity to engage with Congresswoman Plaskett, stating, "Our meeting with Congresswoman Plaskett was a valuable exchange of ideas and perspectives. We appreciate her dedication to championing education, and we look forward to continued collaboration to address the unique needs of our students in the Virgin Islands."

The Virgin Islands Board of Education remains committed to advocating for policies that enhance the quality of education, promote diversity and inclusion, and create a supportive learning environment for all students. The insights gained from the NSBA Equity and Advocacy Conference will inform the Board's ongoing efforts to ensure a brighter future for Virgin Islands students.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Virgin Islands Board of Education is to provide leadership and oversight, set policy and advocate for continuous improvement of the Public Education System of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

VISION STATEMENT

Each child is provided with the best quality education which guarantees academic excellence, promotes our history and culture, and builds strong local and global communities.