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**Virgin Islands Board of Education (VIBE) Announces
2021 Black History Month**

The Virgin Islands 20th Board of Education wishes to encourage all Virgin Islanders to join in celebrating this 2021 Black History Month. Just as African Americans celebrate the achievements of all African Americans, the VIBE also celebrates throughout the Caribbean diaspora, as well as from the Virgin Islands.

“Even as we recognize each Caribbean island has its own heroes and heroines, cultural behaviors and social traditions, so too must we also realize the shared triumphs and achievements of those of us from within and without our sandy shores and lush landscapes,” said VIBE Chairperson Kyza A. Callwood.

“As recently as January 2021, we witnessed history being made as Kamala Harris was sworn in as the first woman, the first person of color, and the first person of Jamaican origin to take the oath of office as the vice-president of the United States of America,” he said. “Unfortunately, in January, we also lost acclaimed actress Cecily Tyson, our Madam Doyenne of the silver screen. Ms. Tyson, who had attained the marvelous age of 96, was born of parents from the island of Nevis”.

The VIBE believes that we all play a role in commemorating Black History and being a part of creating Black History. The VIBE believes each child or adult learner can achieve greatness through education, whether academic or technical, and contribute to our society.

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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.