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## VIRGIN ISLANDS BOARD OF EDUCATION CELEBRATES THE PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY

During these turbulent times of pandemic, climate change, economic conservatism and other crises in today's challenging world, the Virgin Islands Board of Education (VIBE) is acutely aware of one common factor, educational knowledge which guides learning opportunities and hands-on experiences to make solutions and notable results possible. As such, the VIBE proudly supports public education for years to come, especially during American Education Week from November 15-19, 2021.

In the early 1920s, the charge to support education was taken up by the American Legion and the National Education Association (NEA). The NEA subsequently voted to dedicate one week annually to raise public awareness of the importance of education. This national effort presents an opportunity for us to recognize all persons working within our public school system for their valuable contributions and to ensure that every student receives a quality and sound education. Many of them are going above and beyond to help our schools during this pandemic. Outstanding!

"A heartfelt thank you to all our educational partners and stakeholders including our bus drivers, teachers, administrative and support staff, cafeteria workers, custodians and maintenance personnel for your genuine and committed service," said Kyza A. Callwood, Chairman of the 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Education. The VIBE also thanks the community for its support of public schools and encourages past and current students, parents and guardians, and the public to be a part of the change you believe in and want to see in public education.

- Share your positive experiences by using the following hashtag #LovePublicSchoolTeachers
- Continue to be (or become more) involved in your child's classroom experience and learn of all challenges and successes first-hand
- Give a social media shout out to school support staff, including our paraprofessionals
- Remember our educational bridges such as our after-school groups and substitute teachers who also play a critical part in our educational community.

The successful team of people who work in our Virgin Islands schools are remarkable, talented, creative, and innovative. Their motivated and intelligent prowess is unsurpassed and a winning combination of Excellence. Continue to serve and serve well for future generations to emulate.

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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.