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**THE 17th VIRGIN ISLANDS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REFLECTS ON HISTORICAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

The 17th Virgin Islands Board of Education takes great pleasure in memorializing the historic milestone achieved by our people one hundred years ago.

The St. Croix Labor Union was the first legally organized and legally recognized association of working people in the entire Caribbean region.

The Union was founded on November 1, 1915, by the brilliant Crucian, David Hamilton Jackson, with Ralph deChabert as Vice President and C.R.T. Brow as the bonded and certified treasurer.

On Monday, January 23, 1916, David Hamilton Jackson announced the landmark strike that would successfully raise the wages of the working people of St. Croix by one hundred percent.

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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

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.