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**VIRGIN ISLANDS BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADVISES OF MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

STATE OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TO PRESENT RESULTS OF PARENTAL SATISFACTION SURVEY AT PUBLIC MEETINGS ST. THOMAS, USVI – The Virgin Islands Department of Education, State Office of Special Education (SOSE), will present the results of its 9th Annual Parental Satisfaction Survey from 5:30-8:00 p.m. on September 26 at the UVI Sports and Fitness Center, 2nd Floor VIP Room on St. Thomas and on September 30 at UVI’s Albert A. Sheen Campus Great Hall on St. Croix.

The public meetings are open to parents and guardians of children receiving special education and related services, SOSE team members, members of the Virgin Islands Advisory Panel on Special Education (VIAPSE), district offices of Special Personnel, the Board of Education and other interested persons.

According to Dr. Renee Charleswell, PhD, state director of SOSE, the objective of the survey was to “collect and accurately report trend data in one of the 17 Indicators in the State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR), which measures the ‘percent of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitate parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities’.” Charleswell said the data is used to “identify and enhance services that lead to improving academic and functional outcomes for children and youth with disabilities throughout the territory.”

Attendees are asked to RSVP no later than Tuesday, September 24 by emailing renee.charlewell@vide.vi, gemma.stout@vide.vi or kathleen.merchant@vide.vi, or calling (340) 774-0100 Ext. 8800 or (340) 773-1095 Ext. 7087. The Department of Education’s State Office of Special Education Parental Satisfaction Survey was conducted by UVI’s Eastern Caribbean Center.

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