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Virgin Islands Department of Education Maintains Transparency with School Campus Walk-Through Videos

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) is dedicated to maintaining transparency and keeping the community well-informed about the condition and readiness of all school campuses. In line with this commitment, VIDE has videos of the annual pre-school opening walk-throughs of each school campus on St. Thomas, St. John, and St. Croix. The videos are publicly available for viewing on the Virgin Islands Department of Education's official YouTube page.

These walk-throughs, held in preparation for the 2024-2025 school year, involved key inspection agencies including the Department of Health, Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Department of Public Works, and Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Their participation was crucial to ensuring comprehensive inspections. Additionally, members of the Virgin Islands Board of Education, St. Croix Coalition, and various school PTA representatives were in attendance to observe and provide feedback.

Each walk-through was led by the district maintenance directors who provided critical updates on action plans and next steps for each school site. The inspection process is thorough, requiring each school to be evaluated to ensure compliance with safety and operational standards. The VIDE is currently awaiting detailed reports from each agency, which will include findings, recommendations, and necessary approvals for each school's opening.

The VIDE remains committed to completing all school repairs, ranging from minor fixes to significant campus projects. Ongoing maintenance efforts are in place to guarantee that all campuses offer safe and conducive environments for faculty, staff, and students. The department acknowledges that while some maintenance work remains at various school sites, it continues to be a priority. Parents, students, faculty, and staff can rest assured that maintenance teams are fully aware of each school's needs and are diligently progressing on all projects and necessary work.

The Virgin Islands Department of Education is pleased to confirm that all school sites will be ready to welcome back students, faculty, and staff on Monday, August 5, 2024.

For more information and to view the walk-through videos, please visit the VIDE's official YouTube page: <https://youtube.com/@virginislandsdepartmentofe6806?si=7Ki01noySTL69sI3>

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