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**Virgin Islands Department of Education Issues Reminder:  
Schools in St. Croix District Open & Announces Live Broadcast Focused on Transparency**

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) reminds all teachers and students in the St. Croix District that all schools are open. “We acknowledge the impact of recent job actions and protests on instructional hours, which remains a matter of concern. The VIDE acknowledges the validity of expressed concerns by teachers and students and is fully dedicated to addressing them. The VIDE has already begun to coordinate upcoming meetings for students to share their concerns and suggestions. We look forward to engaging in open and respectful dialogue with students,” said Commissioner Wells-Hedrington.

During these challenging times it is important that disruptions to the learning process are minimized. We kindly remind parents and guardians that students are required to attend school for their scheduled instruction.

**Adjusted school operational hours have been implemented for six school sites:**

- **Juanita Gardine and Eulalie Rivera PreK-8 Schools:** These schools will begin the school day at 7:30am and end at 12:30pm.
- **John H. Woodson Jr. High School:** Will begin at 8:00am and end at 1:15pm.
- **St. Croix Central High School; St. Croix Educational Complex; and the Career & Educational Technical Center:** Will begin at 7:40am and end at 1:05pm.

**All other schools in the St. Croix District remain on their regular schedule and are open.**

The VIDE is committed to full transparency and will host a special public presentation “**Education 360: A Comprehensive Reform Blueprint**” on **Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 5:30 pm** to provide clarity, facts, and accurate information on the following areas of concern:

- Federal Funding
- Maintenance Timelines
- New Schools Updates
- Academic Recovery

The public will be able to submit questions and concerns to [questions@vide.vi](mailto:questions@vide.vi) and VIDE officials will provide responses during the live broadcast.

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