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Legislative Proposals

Technology in Schools

Issue statement: The world is evolving; so is technology and so should schools. Allowing technology in schools could have a great impact on students. Students can access more resources and information if technology was allowed in classrooms. The curriculum and teaching strategies have changed little since Victorian times, according to the educationalist and author Marc Prensky. “The world needs a new curriculum,” he said at the Brett Show, a conference dedicated to technology in education. We have to rethink have to rethink the 19th Century curriculum.” Most of the education products on the market are just aids to teach the existing curriculum, he says, based on the false assumption: “We need to teach better what we teach today.”

Legislative Proposal: A bill needs to be created on enabling more technology in schools. We propose in investing into more electronic devices like personal iPads, or computers. Investing into electronic devices can replace textbooks used in classrooms and will make a profit because the government wouldn't need much money to purchase textbooks every year. This money can go towards repairs or new additions to school buildings and staff. Much of the textbooks are old and students don't take much care of them.

We call upon the 31st Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands to create a bill enabling more technology access in schools.

Potholes

Issue statement: Poor street conditions are progressive problem in the USVI. Locals are constantly complaining because quite often, the potholes compromise the alignment of their cars and cause them to have pay for repairs that are quite unnecessary in places where roads are maintained well. Official sometimes try to deprecate the situation but the evidence is quite visual. Some cars shocks are so damaged by the potholes that you would have to be blind and deaf to see past the issue.

Legislative Proposal: Over the past years, the government has been able to fix specific roads over and over, but they neglect to fix the road most commonly used by locals. It is evident that the project has been directed towards areas where tourist frequently travel. All the former bills pertaining to fixing roads have been vetoed due to the “lack” of funding. A bill or even a plan, to create an account to save money for the road preservation project could be extremely helpful in this endeavor. Locals will be ecstatic and the tourist would be able to access certain beautiful points on the islands that were previously not available to them because of the extent to damage that has been allowed to deteriorate roads.

We call upon the 31st Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands to introduce a saving plan that would hold funds for road condition conservation in the current legislative session.

