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Good morning Honorable Senator Myron Jackson, Chairman of the Committee of Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth & Recreation, distinguished members of the 31st Legislature, viewing and listening audience.

I am Vaughn Hewitt, Deputy Superintendent, St. Croix District, and I am here today representing Commissioner Dr. Sharon Ann McCollum. With me today is State Director of Cultural Education, Ms. Valrica Bryson. Allow me to thank you Senator Jackson for your efforts in bringing the Danish students to work on the Historic buildings at #2133 Hospital Street and other Historic sites on St. Croix and St. Thomas. This cultural exchange makes us stronger as a people and contributes to a greater learning experience for all. Thank you again on behalf of the entire Department of Education.

The Department of Education stands in strong support of all of your efforts to promote our culture, and most importantly to educate all Virgin Islanders and those considering the Virgin Islands their home. To that end, the Department of Education is very pleased with Ms. Bryson for the work she has done and continues to do in promoting, educating, displaying and developing cultural activities throughout our schools and our islands. Ms. Bryson has been in this position as our State Director of Cultural Education since December 2015. Ms. Bryson will now share the experiences that our schools are capable of displaying to the world.