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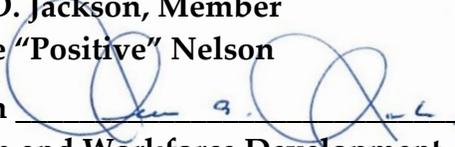
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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Kurt Vialet, Vice-Chairman
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The Honorable Myron D. Jackson, Member
The Honorable Terrence "Positive" Nelson

From: Jean A. Forde, Chairman 
Committee on Education and Workforce Development
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Date: June 15, 2015

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING--REVISED

Please be advised that the Senate Committee on Education and Workforce Development originally scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2015 in the Frits Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix has been rescheduled due to unresolvable scheduling conflicts. Additionally, the agenda has been revised inasmuch as Bill No. 31-0096, An Act prohibiting the Department of Education from using Common Core Standards (CCSS) aligned testing (Smarter Balance Assessment), to evaluate teachers, principals, or school districts, has been removed from the agenda at the request of the sponsor. **The new time for the meeting is 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 in the Frits Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix**, and the revised agenda is as follows:

- *Bill No. 31-0040, An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 41 (c) relating to courses of study in public schools. (Sponsored by Senator Samuel Sanes)*

INVITED TESTIFIERS

- Dr. Sharon McCollum, Commissioner of Education
- Ms. Nandi Sekou, Esq., Chairwoman, V.I. Board of Education

- Mr. Gregory N. Richards, Chief, St. Croix Rescue
- *The Committee will receive testimony from Department of Education officials regarding the following:*
 - The status of and plans for public schools that have recently been closed for repairs and renovations;
 - The status of school repairs and maintenance in preparation for the 2015-2016 academic year;
 - The status of and future plans for the territory's School Lunch Program

INVITED TESTIFIERS

- Dr. Sharon McCollum, Commissioner of Education
- Ms. Dionne Wells, Insular Superintendent (STT-STJ)
- Ms. Colleen Williams, Insular Superintendent (STX)
- Mr. Joseph Sibilly, Deputy Insular Superintendent, STT-STJ,
- Mr. Vaughn Hewitt, Deputy Insular Superintendent, STX
- Ms. Angela Frett, Territorial Director, School Lunch Program

*cc: All Senators
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