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Dear Honorable Senator Marise James,

In response to your query regarding all school kitchen upgrades at the Virgin Islands Department of Education throughout the territory, we are pleased to provide the following update below.

St. Croix Kitchen Equipment Installation and Renovations

The kitchens that are completed now are Ricardo Richards and Lew Muckle.

Kitchens undergoing renovations that will be completed before the start of school on August 5th are Central HS, Woodson, Gardine, and Eulalie Rivera.

The kitchen at Claude O. Markoe will be completed by the end of August due to an additional piece of equipment (stainless steel counters) that will be ordered as soon as the change order is approved.

St. Thomas/St. John District Kitchen Upgrades

The VIDE is working with its Third-Party Fiduciary and the Office of Disaster Recovery to develop a Memorandum of Agreement that would allow the VIDE to utilize the services of an architectural firm that ODR has already contracted with to design the kitchen renovations. Renovations are required to bring the kitchens up to code and provide the necessary infrastructure to support the upgrades.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dionne Wells-Hedrington".

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