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Committee on Education & Workforce Development

Thursday, February 6, 2025

10:00 AM

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas, USVI

Agenda

The Committee will receive testimonies on the following:

Invited Testifiers:

- I. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education
 - Status of Federal Funds (ARPA, Cares Act, Consolidated Grants) and Imprest Funds
 - Analysis of student test scores for the 2023-2024 academic year
 - Strategies used to address learning loss
 - Status of entrance and exit exams
 - Plans to address the loss of instructional time due to abbreviated school schedules caused by severe heat
 - Status of afterschool programs and plans for summer programs

 - II. Craig Benjamin, Executive Director, Bureau of School Construction & Maintenance
 - Update on Arthur A. Richards School Rebuild
 - Status of the Claude O. Markoe Gymnasium
 - Status and timeline for completion of school kitchen equipment installation in the district of St. Croix
 - Status of electrical upgrades for territorial schools
 - Status of AC unit installations in schools affected by severe heat
 - Summer maintenance plan
 - Outline of process to report school-based maintenance issues (work order requests)
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We look forward to your attendance and valuable contributions to the hearing