

## BUREAU OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE



### APPENDIX- C

#### July 2024 Walkthrough Assessment

##### St. Thomas/St. John District Schools

###### 1. Julius E. Sprauve School

- **Status:** Ready to accept students, but power issues in some modular units.
- **Completed:**
  - Floor work in modular buildings with liquid membrane to cover seams.
  - Roof coating delayed due to rain; work to resume when weather permits.-
- **Currently In Progress**
  - Generator installation-
- **2025 Summer Plans:**
  - Painting of exterior, classrooms, and common areas.
  - A/C service and repairs.
  - Installation of crosswalks and flashing signs for student safety
- **Other plan if funding allows**
  - Asphalt patching for parking lots and pathways.

###### 2. Jane E. Tuitt School

- **Status:** Kitchen is non-operational (food delivered from CAHS), A/C units inspected and repaired (three units).**Project Completed**
- **In Progress:**
  - School designated for replacement, with bids issued for design and construction.
- **2025 Summer Plans:**
  - Classroom repairs, painting of exterior, classrooms, and common areas.
  - A/C service and repairs.
  - Installation of crosswalks, flashing signs, and asphalt patching.

###### 3. Joseph Sibilly School

- **Status:** Ready for school opening on August 5, 2024.

- **In Progress:**
    - Roof work ongoing, removing galvanized roofing and replacing rotting wooden structures beneath.
    - Pending perimeter fencing and camera installations. **(ARPA Funded)**
  - **2025 Summer Plans:**
    - Painting of exterior, classrooms, and common areas.
    - A/C service and repairs.
    - Installation of crosswalks, flashing signs, and asphalt patching.
4. **Ulla Muller School**
- **Status:** Ready to receive students.
  - **Completed**
    - Painting of exterior and classrooms.
  - **In Progress:**
    - Kitchen operational with a last electrical upgrade needed. **Completed**
    - Fans installed where A/C units are non-functional. **Completed**
    - Six new A/C units ordered, to be installed once they arrive. **Completed**
  - **2025 Summer Plans:**
    - A/C service and repairs.
    - Installation of crosswalks, flashing signs, and asphalt patching.
5. **Joseph Gomez School**
- **Status:** On track for the August 2024 opening.
  - **Completed:**
    - Electrical upgrades to support new A/C units.
    - Contracts secured for camera installations and perimeter fencing.
    - Roof protective coating to prevent moisture intrusion before the school opens.
  - **2025 Summer Plans:**
    - Mold remediation.
    - ADA classroom repairs.
    - Painting of exterior, classrooms, and common areas.
    - A/C service and repairs.
    - Installation of crosswalks, flashing signs, and asphalt patching.
6. **Bertha C. Boschulte School (BCB)**
- **Status:** Ready to receive faculty and staff for the 2024-2025 school year.
  - **Completed:**
    - Kitchen is up and running.
    - Most classrooms were in great condition.
    - Some classrooms experienced A/C challenges, which were not functioning before the school closed in May 2024 and were still not operational during the July walkthrough.
    - Auditorium experienced complete power loss.
  - **2025 Summer Plans**
    - Installation of A/C units throughout the campus is a priority.

- **Ongoing Projects:**
  - Started the **modernization project** under the Disaster Recovery work.
  - The contract for this work is expected to be executed soon, after which the contractor will begin the permanent design work for the modernization of the school.
  - Perimeter fencing installation is underway.

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## Ongoing Maintenance After July 2024 Assessment

### St. Croix District Schools

- **Ricardo Richards School**
  - **Completed:**
    - Floors waxed and buffed.
    - Kitchen upgraded with new freezer, cooler, and flooring.
    - Cleaning completed.
    - Additional A/C units needed was installed
- **St. Croix Educational Complex**
  - **Completed:**
    - Both technical and regular campuses ready for students.
    - Ceiling fans installed for improved air circulation.
    - Custodial work completed.
  - **In Progress:**
    - Roof temporarily patched, full replacement required.
    - Contracts for perimeter fencing ( ARPA funded project)
    - Camera installation in place.
    - Schools are undergoing modernization to address infrastructure issues.
  - **2025 Summer Plans**
    - A/C installation
    - Cameras will be installed
- **John H. Woodson School**
  - **Completed:**
    - Classrooms retrofitted with tile replacements.
    - A/C units installed in remaining classrooms.
    - Auditorium repairs completed.
    - Kitchen upgraded by DVD Construction.
    - Modular bathrooms installed.
  - **Completed After 2024 Walkthrough:**
    - Power washing, painting, refurbishing restrooms, and roof leak repairs-
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- **2025 Summer Plans**
  - Installation of perimeter fencing and cameras.
  - Library's A/C system on order.
- **Alfredo Andrews School**
  - **Completed:**
    - A/C units serviced.
    - Roof leaks addressed.
  - **In Progress:**
    - Floor buffing, waxing, and stripping ongoing.
- **Completed after Summer 2024 Walkthrough**
  - Floor buffing waxing, and stripping
- **Lew Muckle School**
  - **Completed:**
    - Kitchen equipment fully installed.
    - A/C units transitioned from split to window units.
    - Floor tile replacements in classrooms and cafeteria.
    - Contracts for perimeter fencing and camera installation in place.
  - **In Progress:**
    - Exhaust ventilators, cleaning of filters, and general cleaning tasks.
    - Bathroom renovations ongoing but functional.

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## **St. Thomas/St. John District Schools (Ongoing Projects)**

1. **BCB School**
  - **Completed:**
    - A/C repairs for gym and classrooms.
  - **In Progress:**
    - Roofing work by Synergy.
    - Quotes for deep cleaning (library, gym, auditorium).
    - Ongoing day-to-day maintenance for electrical and plumbing issues.
  - **Completed After Summer 2024 Walkthrough**
    - Roofing completed
    - Quarterly deep cleaning continues
    - Ongoing day-to day maintenance for electrical and plumbing issues
2. **Lockhart K-8**
  - **Completed:**
    - A/C repairs in the office and cafeteria.
    - Thermostat installed.
  - **Completed after Summer 2024 Walkthrough:**

- Soliciting for additional A/C units.
    - Roofing and painting by Hammerhead.
    - Soliciting bids for deck repairs.
  - **Summer 2025**
    - Rehabilitation of eight (8) compromised modular class rooms
3. **Gomez School**
- **In Progress:**
    - A/C unit for the cafeteria on order (expected within a week).
    - Electrical upgrade and follow-up with Dennis.
    - Plumbing repairs for collapsed sewer line.
  - **Completed after 2024 Walkthrough**
    - A/C unit for the cafeteria on order (expected within a week).
    - Electrical upgrade and follow-up with Dennis.
    - Plumbing repairs for collapsed sewer line.
  - **Continued:**
    - Ongoing maintenance issues as they arise.
4. **Julius Sprauve School**
- **In Progress:**
    - Soliciting bids for deck painting and roof repairs in the kitchen.
    - Awaiting further information from MAC Construction.
  - **Completed after 2024 Walkthrough**
    - Soliciting bids for deck painting and roof repairs in the kitchen
5. **Muller School**
- **In Progress:**
    - Roofing work ongoing by Hammerhead.
    - A/C units replaced and operational.
    - Ongoing landscaping, janitorial, and extermination services.
  - **Completed after 2024 Walkthrough**
    - **Roofing completed**
    - **A/C units replaced and operational**
6. **Sibilly School**
- **Completed:**
    - Sewer line issue repaired
  - **Summer 2025 plans**
    - AC repair
    - Music room repairs

- Restroom renovation

## 7. CAHS

- **In Progress:**
  - Sewage line cleared, ongoing monitoring.
  - Mold remediation completed in 5 classrooms.
  - Awaiting task order from Education for roofing and painting.
- **Completed after summer 2024 walkthrough**
  - Roofing and painting completed.
  - Mold remediation completed in 5 classrooms

## 8. Kean School

- **In Progress:**
  - Roofing work ongoing.
  - A/C installation in cafeteria and study hall; 5 out of 12 units in the gym are operational.
  - Solicitation for the replacement of 6 A/C units.
  - Mold remediation completed in 6 classrooms.
- Completed after summer 2024 Walkthrough
  - Roofing

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## Additional Notes & Ongoing Projects

- **Procurement:**
  - Ongoing procurement for the installation of 50 new units and 25 five-ton split floor ceiling units across various schools. Quotes for installation and electrical upgrades are in progress.
- **Modular Units:**
  - Assessment of modular areas for mold, with plans to address mold issues using Cube Root technology.
- **A/C Service Contracts:**
  - Currently soliciting an A/C service contract for all schools across the territory.

## **SENATOR AVERY LEWIS WALKTHROUGH CONCERNS FEBRUARY**

### **ULLA F. MULLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE VISIT**

**Concern #1:** Several teachers have indicated that roofs are still leaking. These are the classes in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade area.

**Response #1 :** The roofs were cleaned and coated.

**Concern #2 :** Rice Cooker is broken/inoperable

**Response #2 :** According to Ms. Nealda Bowry, the Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) School Food Authority Director, "The VIDE does not own rice cookers. The Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance (BSCM) is not responsible for providing kitchen equipment. Providing kitchen equipment is the responsibility of the School Food Authority. The BSCM only handles facility maintenance matters."

**Concern #3 :** Vent over stove is broken

**Response #3:** This will be included as part of a kitchen upgrade program that will be scheduled as part of summer maintenance projects.

**Update as of June 13, 2025:** **Repairs made, electrical services has been provided.**

**Concern#4 :** Steam kettle inoperable and needs to be set up

**Response #4 :** The BSCM has resolved this issue by installing a 220V outlet to properly accommodate the unit.

**Update as of June 13, 2025:** **Repairs made, electrical services has been provided.**

**Concern #5 :** Kitchen workers indicated they are lacking supplies

**Response #5 :** This is an internal issue and is not applicable to the BSCM.

### **Boy's Bathroom Downstairs**

**Concern #1 :** No maintenance on site2. Needs work in stall3. Urinals need to be replaced/repared

**Response #1 :** The issues noted—including the lack of on-site maintenance support, the need for stall repairs, and the replacement or repair of urinals—have been included in the planned Summer 2025 Maintenance Projects. We appreciate your patience as we work toward addressing these needs within the scheduled maintenance timeline.

### **Water Fountains**

**Concern #1:** Not operable

**Response #1:** The existing water fountains will be replaced with bottle filling stations. This upgrade is included in the Summer 2025 Maintenance Projects plan.

Currently, Ms. Zoe Banfield from the Virgin Islands Conservation Society's Eco-Schools Program holds a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) to provide water filling stations to schools.

The Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance (BSCM) team will reach out to Ms. Banfield to inquire whether Ulla Muller can be included in the program. However, please note that she has indicated funding for the initiative is limited. We will keep you informed of any updates as they become available.

**Ms. Agard Classroom (She's a para teaching Science and Social Studies )**

**Concern #1 :** Teaches in Room 8, which is very hot. Air Conditioner not working.

**Response #1 :** Principal Boyd has reported that she allocated available funds toward repairs for the air conditioning unit in Room 8. According to Tempaire, the unit is beyond repair and requires replacement. Additionally, it was noted that the portable units in use tend to trip the electrical breaker, limiting their effectiveness. The existing unit was last serviced between late December and early January 2025.

**Update as of June 13, 2025:** RFP for A/C Service Contract has been processed and is currently in GVI Buy.

**A. JANE E. TUITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE VISIT**

**Concern #1 :** What's the status of the AC in the kitchen?

**Response #1:** The AC was fixed and is now operable. Additional servicing of this unit is scheduled as part of the BSCM Summer Maintenance Plan.

**Concern #2 :** 1 of 2 water fountains are inoperable. What's the status of replacement or repairs?

**Response #2:** The existing water fountains will be replaced with bottle filling stations. This upgrade is included in the Summer 2025 Maintenance Projects plan.

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**Concern#3 :** AC in several classrooms inoperable

**Response #3:** The Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance (BSCM) Maintenance Division has conducted assessments, and the affected air conditioning units have been repaired. Additional servicing of these units is scheduled as part of the BSCM Summer Maintenance Plan.

**Update as of June 13, 2025:** RFP for A/C Service Contract has been processed and is currently in GVI Buy.



**Concern # 4:** With heavy rain, soil flows down to the school and it affects the class. Ms. Richards-Farley's classroom.

**Response # 4:** According to Ms. Richards-Farley, the issue has been addressed and the situation has been rectified.

**Update as of June 13, 2025:** Working with Housing Finance to resolve issue, HFA will reimburse the BSCM when work is completed.

## **B. LOCKHART K-8 SCHOOL SITE VISIT**

**Concern #1:** Steam Kettle needed

**Response #1 :** The Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance (BSCM) is not responsible for providing kitchen equipment. This responsibility falls under the purview of the Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) School Food Authority.

**Concern #2 :** Hotline equipment inoperable ( food is being stored in the oven to stay warm)

**Response #2 :** Director Bowry of the School Food Authority is currently working on securing a replacement unit.

**Concern #3 :** Grease trap backing up due to drainage issue. Staff is dipping out and cleaning trap when this happens.

**Response #3 :** All kitchen grease traps within the District have been recently cleaned. Additionally, our Environmental Specialist requested plumbing services to address line blockages.

**Update as of June 13, 2025:** Environmental Specialist hired contractor to clean.

**Concern #4 :** Faucet needs repair

**Response #4 :** The BSCM Maintenance Division is currently collaborating with the School Food Authority to facilitate the replacement of the faulty faucet. We will continue to follow up to ensure the repair is completed in a timely manner.

**Update as of June 13, 2025:** This job is now complete. New facets were purchased and installed.

**Concern #5:** Kitchen is using sanitizer instead of dish liquid to clean dishes.

**Response #5 :** This matter does not fall within the Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance (BSCM) responsibilities. The BSCM manages facility maintenance and construction, and does not provide cleaning supplies to school facilities.

**Concern #6 :** Hanging ceiling tiles and roof leaks excessively.

**Response #6:** An AC contractor was contacted to assess the issue and subsequently cleared the air conditioning drain line, which was contributing to the problem. We will continue to monitor the area closely for any recurring issues and address them promptly as needed.

**Update as of June 13, 2025:** Source of the leak was repaired and ceiling will be replaced during summer maintenance.

## **Other Observations on Campus**

**Concern #1 :** Ms. Jno Lewis, ESL History teacher , requested that filters be changed in her classroom. She has leaks that need repairs. Classroom floor has cracks.

**Response #1 :** The BSCM Maintenance Division is currently taking appropriate actions to address each matter and ensure the classroom remains a safe and functional learning environment.

**Concern #2:** The grass has become severely overgrown and can no longer wait for the scheduled maintenance. Immediate action is absolutely necessary to address this issue. Furthermore, the gutters require urgent cleaning by the Department of Public Works (DPW). They have transformed into a breeding ground for mosquitoes and a hotspot for illegal activities involving students, creating significant risks to the safety and well-being of the campus environment. Prompt attention to these matters is critical.

**Response #2:** According to Principal Jones, the grass was cut earlier this month; however, due to the frequent heavy rainfall, it regrows rapidly—often by the time the landscaper completes work on one area and moves to another. We recognize the urgency of the situation and will review the current landscaping contract and maintenance schedule to determine whether it adequately meets the needs of the campus.

**Update as of June 13, 2025:** **Coordination completed between BSCM and DPNR**

Regarding the gutters, we acknowledge the potential health and safety risks posed by mosquito breeding and student misconduct in those areas. We will continue to follow up with the Department of Public Works (DPW) to request cleaning and ongoing monitoring to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all students and staff.

**Concern #3:** Railing needs repair. Walkway from one campus to the other had a damaged wood plank.

**Response #3 :** The BSCM Maintenance team is actively engaged in regular upkeep of the wooden walkways and addresses issues as they arise or are reported by school leadership. Additionally, a bid is currently in the process of being awarded to a contractor for comprehensive painting and repairs of the walkways during the summer maintenance period.

**Update as of June 13, 2025:** **Walkway is currently being done during summer maintenance.**

**Concern #4:** Mold remediation needed for all modular trailers.

**Response #4:** Environmental assessments of all modular campuses across the District have been completed by a contracted firm. The resulting reports have been submitted to and shared with the Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE).

**Update as of June 13, 2025:** **Included in summer repairs.**

We are currently working in collaboration with our consultant, CUBE Root, to evaluate and address the identified remediation needs. A recent meeting helped us define a preliminary course of action to move forward effectively. In our upcoming meeting, we expect to finalize the scope of work, which will allow us to begin the process of soliciting qualified contractors for remediation work to be conducted over the summer.

**Update as June 13, 2025:** **We are no longer extending the services for CUBE Root. The BSCM to address the concerns identified in the report, considering funding challenges.**

**Concern #5:** Library roof leaks

**Response #5 :** A comprehensive roof repair for the library is included in the Summer 2025 Maintenance Projects Plan. In the interim, temporary remedial measures are being implemented to address immediate concerns and prevent further damage.

**Update as June 13, 2025: Repairs in currently in progress**

Additionally, we are organizing a maintenance team to clean the gutters and inspect the roof at this campus. This team will also address any related issues identified during the inspection to help mitigate ongoing concerns until the full repair is completed.

### **C. BOWSKY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE VISIT**

**Concern #1 :** The principals, school staff, and parents are concerned and would like to know the results/findings of the air quality test.

**Response #1 :** Environmental assessments, including air quality testing, have been completed for all modular campuses throughout the District. The final assessment reports have been submitted to and shared with the Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE). These reports were also included in a zip file—titled STT/STJ Modular Environmental Assessments—that was provided on the jump drive submitted to your office.

We are currently working with our environmental consultant, CUBE Root, to evaluate the findings and determine the appropriate remediation steps. In a recent meeting, we identified a preferred course of action, and we anticipate finalizing a scope of work at our next meeting. This scope will guide the solicitation of qualified contractors to complete the necessary remediation work during the upcoming summer maintenance period.

**Concern #2 :** Why isn't there regular air conditioning cleaning at this school?

**Response #2 :** The Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance (BSCM) Maintenance Division continues to perform regular air conditioning cleaning and maintenance to the best extent possible, despite current staffing limitations. To address this challenge more effectively, a comprehensive air conditioning service contract is in development and is expected to be implemented by Summer 2025.

As part of our ongoing efforts, a site visit was conducted at Bowsky School, where we met with Principal Wilkenson. She identified specific classrooms experiencing issues. In response, our in-house AC technician was dispatched to assess the affected units. For classrooms where units were deemed beyond repair, portable AC units were installed as a temporary solution. Additionally, a bid has recently been issued to solicit qualified contractors for a long-term service contract to ensure consistent maintenance moving forward.

**Concern #3 :** What is the status of payment for the gentleman that brought in A/C condensers that was not paid in full?

**Response # 3:** The contractor in question does not hold a valid business license. Although they previously claimed to be licensed and advertised services as an air conditioning vendor, this information was found to be inaccurate upon review. The Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance (BSCM) contacted the individual and requested updated documentation required to process payment. However, to date, the vendor has not responded or submitted the necessary documents.

**Concern #4 :** Modularity 205 and 206 no AC

**Response #4 :** The Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance (BSCM) Maintenance Division continues to perform regular air conditioning cleaning and maintenance to the best extent possible, despite current staffing limitations. To address this challenge more effectively, a comprehensive air conditioning service contract is in development and is expected to be implemented by Summer 2025.

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**Update as of June 13, 2025: RFP for A/C Service Contract has been processed and is currently in GVI Buy.**

**Concern #5:** TB 103 classroom is extremely hot.

**Response #5:** The Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance (BSCM) Maintenance Division continues to perform regular air conditioning cleaning and maintenance to the best extent possible, despite current staffing limitations. To address this challenge more effectively, a comprehensive air conditioning service contract is in development and is expected to be implemented by Summer 2025.

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**Update as of June 13, 2025: RFP for A/C Service Contract has been processed and is currently in GVI Buy.**

**Concern #6 :** TB 101 (Administrative Office) very hot. Staff displaced and are currently utilizing nursing office.

**Response #6 :** The Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance (BSCM) Maintenance Division continues to perform regular air conditioning cleaning and maintenance to the best extent possible, despite current staffing limitations. To address this challenge more effectively, a comprehensive air conditioning service contract is in development and is expected to be implemented by Summer 2025.

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has recently been issued to solicit qualified contractors for a long-term service contract to ensure consistent maintenance moving forward.

**Update as of June 13, 2025: RFP for A/C Service Contract has been processed and is currently in GVI Buy.**

**Concern #7 :** Principal reported Capacitor can't be fixed. Complete AC unit repair needed.

**Response #7:** The Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance (BSCM) Maintenance Division continues to perform regular air conditioning cleaning and maintenance to the best extent possible, despite current staffing limitations. To address this challenge more effectively, a comprehensive air conditioning service contract is in development and is expected to be implemented by Summer 2025.

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**Update as of June 13, 2025: RFP for A/C Service Contract has been processed and is currently in GVI Buy.**

**Concern #8:** TB105 AC is not working to full capacity.

**Response #8 :** The Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance (BSCM) Maintenance Division continues to perform regular air conditioning cleaning and maintenance to the best extent possible, despite current staffing limitations. To address this challenge more effectively, a comprehensive air conditioning service contract is in development and is expected to be implemented by Summer 2025.

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**Update as of June 13, 2025: RFP for A/C Service Contract has been processed and is currently in GVI Buy.**

**Concern #9 :** The main office building has been condemned. What are the plans for its future reopening? The current temporary location is creating significant challenges for the day-to-day operations of the school and needs urgent attention.

**Response #9 :** This matter falls under the jurisdiction of the Office of Disaster Recovery (ODR). It has been incorporated into the Super Project Management Office (SuperPMO) Bundle. The plan includes a comprehensive modernization of the entire campus.

**Concern #10:** The vacant rooms downstairs near PE are currently being used to store garden equipment and outdated supplies. These rooms must be cleaned, renovated, and prepared for learning immediately. Additionally, the hanging metal fixtures need to be removed expeditiously.

**Response #10:** *This matter falls under the jurisdiction of the Office of Disaster Recovery (ODR). It has been incorporated into the Super Project Management Office (SuperPMO) Bundle. The plan includes a comprehensive modernization of the entire campus.*

**Concern #11:** All buildings in the main complex must undergo a thorough deep cleaning for mold, air quality testing, and necessary repairs to the air conditioning units.

**Response #11:** The District currently maintains a quarterly deep-cleaning contract that includes all school facilities, including those within the main complex. In addition, a comprehensive deep cleaning, air quality testing, and necessary AC repairs have been scheduled as part of the Summer 2025 maintenance work plan. These efforts are aimed at ensuring a safe, healthy, and comfortable environment for students and staff upon their return for the new school year.

**Concern #12:** I kindly ask for immediate attention to the classrooms that are housing our kindergarten, special needs, and autistic students. While some are functional, they are not operating at their best, and we need to ensure they meet the necessary standards. Additionally, the water stations in these areas must be replaced and properly filtered for the well-being of our students. The classroom for autistic students requires urgent repairs—specifically, the walls need to be fixed from damage caused by challenging behavior, and they must be padded to comply with regulations for safety. If nothing else can be prioritized at this moment, I humbly request that we focus on addressing these critical needs to support the well-being of our most vulnerable students.

**Response #12:** This matter falls under the jurisdiction of the Office of Disaster Recovery (ODR). It has been incorporated into the Super Project Management Office (SuperPMO) Bundle. The plan includes a comprehensive modernization of the entire campus. All water fountains will be replaced by bottle filling stations.

### **IVANNA EUDORA KEAN HIGH SCHOOL SITE VISIT**

**Concern #1 :** TK106 has been out for a year. As a result, class is being held in the auditorium. What's the status?

**Response #1 :** An assessment of the air conditioning unit has been completed, and it remains inoperable at this time. However, repairs are currently in progress to restore functionality. In the interim, we understand that classes are being held in the auditorium, and we appreciate the staff's flexibility during this period. We will continue to monitor the repair timeline and provide updates as more information becomes available.

**Update as of June 13, 2025:** **TK106 Summer repair currently being conducted.**

**Concern #2 :** Dishwasher leaking

**Response #2:** According to the Director of School Food Authority, "The School Food Authority is actively collaborating with a repair company to address this matter."

**Concern #3:** Warmer inoperable

**Response #3 :** According to the Director of School Food Authority, "The School Food Authority is addressing this matter."

**Concern #4 :** Only one steam kettle working

**Response #4 :** According to the Director of School Food Authority, “ Kean only has only one kettle”.

**Update as of June 13, 2025:** **School Food Authority Addressing this issue.**

**Concern #5 :** When was the last electrical upgrade conducted to accommodate new AC units?

**Response #5 :** An electrical assessment for the entire campus was conducted under Contract No. SFC-DOE-TEER-2022-019, dated August 23, 2022. The contractor has initiated preliminary work under this contract; however, full mobilization is currently pending due to a delay in the approval of a Change Order (C/O) by the Department of Public Works (DPW), which has been under review since January 2025. We are actively working with DPW to expedite the approval process so that the contractor can proceed with the necessary electrical upgrades to support the new AC systems.

**Concern #6:** How soon can an electrical upgrade report be provided to the senate body?

**Response #6 :** A **Summary of Recommendations** prepared by HKT was previously submitted to your office for review. This document outlines the findings and proposed actions related to the electrical upgrades.

While the contractor has initiated preliminary work, full mobilization is currently on hold pending the release of the mobilization payment and the approval of a Change Order (C/O) by the Department of Public Works (DPW). The C/O has been under review since January 2025. We are actively following up with DPW to expedite the process and will provide an updated report to the Senate body once the contract is fully mobilized and work progresses further.

**Concern #7 :** Science labs need to be mitigated because only a minimal number of students can perform labs at this time.

**Response #7 :** The science lab capacity issue, which currently limits student participation in laboratory activities, will be addressed through the comprehensive school modernization initiative. This modernization is included as part of the Office of Disaster Recovery's (ODR) Super Project Management Office (SuperPMO) Bundle.

**Concern #8 :** Vocational Ed classroom that has roof issues need to be renovated.

**Response #8:** The Vocational Education classroom experiencing roof issues is scheduled for renovation as part of the comprehensive school modernization initiative. This renovation is included in the Office of Disaster Recovery's (ODR) Super Project Management Office (SuperPMO) Bundle.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance (BSCM) remains fully committed to addressing all school facility concerns identified during recent school site visits. We are working diligently to resolve maintenance issues across our school facilities, with many repairs scheduled as part of the Summer 2025 Maintenance Projects. While certain responsibilities fall under other agencies—such as the School Food Authority and the Office of Disaster Recovery—we are actively coordinating with these partners to ensure comprehensive and lasting solutions.

We recognize the urgency and importance of providing safe, healthy, and functional learning environments for students across the U.S. Virgin Islands. Despite ongoing staffing challenges, our



maintenance teams continue to conduct regular assessments and perform critical repairs, with particular focus on air conditioning systems, which remain a top priority. To enhance our capacity, we are in the process of securing additional service contracts. Furthermore, environmental assessments for all modular campuses have been completed and are informing our remediation plans.

BSCM will continue to prioritize the needs of our most vulnerable student populations while advancing long-term modernization efforts. We will keep the Senate informed of our progress and appreciate your continued support as we work to improve educational facilities throughout the Territory. Both districts are strategically utilizing a combination of in-house staff, local contractors, and external consultants to ensure the successful execution of projects during Summer 2025. Continued coordination between BSCM project managers and procurement stakeholders will be essential to achieving our ambitious infrastructure goals.