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## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **Education Commissioner to Update Community on Modifications to School Reopening Plan for SY 2020-2021**

ST. THOMAS, USVI – Department of Education Commissioner Racquel Berry-Benjamin will hold a press conference to update the community on the V.I. Department of Education's recent decision to begin the 2020-2021 school year fully online at 10 a.m. AST on Thursday, August 13, 2020.

In keeping with CDC and Virgin Islands Health Department guidelines to adhere to social distancing, no media will be allowed into Government House and the press briefing will be conducted via conference call.

**Who:** Racquel Berry-Benjamin  
V.I. Department of Education officials

**What:** Government House Press Conference

**Where:** Via conference call

**When:** Thursday, August 13, 2020

10 a.m. AST

**Livestream:** [facebook.com/GovernmentHouseUSVI](https://facebook.com/GovernmentHouseUSVI)  
[facebook.com/USVI.VIDE/](https://facebook.com/USVI.VIDE/)

**Live TV Broadcast:** Government Access Channel

### **Instructions for Radio Broadcasters**

The Governor's press conference will be available for radio broadcast via livestream at [facebook.com/governmenthouseusvi](https://facebook.com/governmenthouseusvi) or via call in at 425-436-6369. After dialing the number, you will receive a prompt for an access code. The access code is: 459617 followed by the # sign.

**Please note that this line is solely dedicated to provide audio output for radio. You will not have the ability to ask questions.**

### **Instructions for Media**

Members of the media must dial 712-451-0467. After dialing the number, you will receive a prompt for an access code. To obtain the access code, representatives of media outlets that want to join and ask questions should RSVP to Government House Communications Director Richard Motta Jr. at 340-474-2339 or [richardmottajr@go.vi.gov](mailto:richardmottajr@go.vi.gov).

Please identify yourself and your media outlet before asking your question.

**Do not use this line if you are attempting to carry the Governor's press conference through a radio broadcast.**

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