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Governor Bryan talks to students at Joseph Gomez Elementary on St. Thomas on the first day back to school.

Governor Bryan Thanks Department of Education Staff, Teachers, Administrators for Successful Reopening of Classrooms

Governor Hails First Day of School as 'Unqualified Success,' Noting Schools' Operational Preparedness and Bringing Public Schools to Post-COVID Readiness to Provide Quality Learning Experience to Students

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS — Governor Albert Bryan Jr. hailed the successful first day of school as an "unqualified success" and thanked the hard-working staff, teachers and administrators of the Department of Education for their efforts to provide a quality learning experience for students across the Territory.



Education Commissioner Nominee Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington talks with students at Eulalie Rivera Elementary School on St. Croix.

"As I visited schools today on St. Thomas and St. Croix, I was met by the face of hundreds of beaming students who were excited to be back in the classroom, and I want to express my deep and sincere gratitude for all the

hard work our Education employees, teachers and administrators put forth to ensure that our students are getting a quality learning experience," Governor Bryan said.



Governor Bryan greets a student at Central High School on St. Croix

The Governor also noted that the misgivings some members of the community had expressed about maintenance and operational issues at the schools were unfounded.

"The classrooms I visited were more than ready to provide students with fully functioning classrooms and other school operations, and while some residents had doubts about the schools being ready, the Department of Education doubled-down and made sure there were no issues," Governor Bryan said. "As the Bryan-Roach Administration continues its work toward rebuilding our schools better than ever, some piecemeal issues are to be expected. But based on what I saw today, our schools have emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic to provide our students with fully functioning classrooms and school facilities."



The Governor also visited Addelita Cancryn Intermediate Junior High School students on St. Thomas.

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