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Governor Bryan Accepts Resignation Of Education Commissioner Racquel Berry-Benjamin

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS — Governor Albert Bryan Jr. on Monday, June 27, accepted the resignation of Education Commissioner Racquel Berry-Benjamin, effective immediately.

Governor Bryan named Assistant Commissioner of Education Victor Somme as Acting Commissioner until the Governor nominates a permanent commissioner.

“I want to thank Commissioner Berry-Benjamin for her work in this Administration and particularly for her efforts to keep the students learning during the extreme difficulties brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and the task of creating a virtual learning system almost overnight,” Governor Bryan said. “I have confidence in Mr. Somme’s ability to bring us into the successful start of school just months away, and I’ve tasked the Education Department leadership with looking ahead to the post-pandemic landscape that has changed school systems across the nation.”

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