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**VIRGIN ISLANDS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) informs the public of operational updates for public schools within the St. Thomas-St. John District and St. Croix District.

St. Thomas-St. John District- No Changes

- **Regular Operations** - all public schools in the St. Thomas-St. John District are open and will continue to operate on their regular schedules.

St. Croix District- Additional Schools Resume In-Person Instruction

- **Regular Operations** – the following schools are open will operate on their regular schedules:
 - PreK-6: Ricardo Richards, Lew Muckle, Claude O. Markoe, and Alfredo Andrews
 - PreK-8: Juanita Gardine and Eulalie Rivera
 - St. Croix Central High School
 - St. Croix Educational Complex High School
 - St. Croix Alternative Education
- **John H. Woodson Jr. High School – Virtual Learning continues Friday, February 9th.**
 - School Campus reopens on Monday, February 12, 2024
- **Pearl B. Larsen PreK-8 School – Virtual Learning continues Friday, February 9th.**
 - On the evening of Wednesday, February 8, 2024, an electrical fire broke out in the administrative office of the Pearl B. Larsen School. Firefighters from the Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services (VIFEMS) swiftly extinguished the flames. No students, faculty, or staff were present on the campus or administrative office at the time of the fire.

Following an investigation by VIFEMS, it was determined that the fire originated due to heavy rainfall causing water leakage in the area where the AC duct was located. The adverse weather conditions, coupled with intermittent power disruptions throughout the day, led to an electrical shortage of the appliance, resulting in the fire. The incident has been classified as accidental.

In light of the lingering odor from the smoke and the necessity for thorough cleaning of the premises, the school campus will remain closed on Friday, February 9, 2024. Students will continue to receive instruction through virtual learning.

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