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**VIRGIN ISLANDS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES  
CONTINUED CLOSURE OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 14, 2024, DUE TO TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO**

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) announces that all public schools will remain closed on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, due to the anticipated weather conditions brought by Tropical Storm Ernesto. This decision has been made with the utmost priority for the safety and well-being of students, faculty, and staff.

Parents and guardians, please ensure that your children remain at home and stay safe during this time. We understand the inconvenience this may cause, but the safety of our students is our top priority.

Non-essential public-school faculty and staff are advised not to report to their respective school campuses on Wednesday, August 14th. However, essential school staff and workers such as principals, assistant principals, custodians, maintenance workers, and laborers should remain alert for further announcements regarding the assessment of school campuses.

All non-essential employees at both district and state levels are also asked to stay tuned for announcements regarding work operations for Wednesday, August 14th.

We strongly encourage everyone to stay vigilant and keep abreast of the latest updates through official VIDE communication platforms and local news outlets. The Virgin Islands Department of Education remains committed to the safety of our students, staff, and the wider community during this weather event. Please remain safe and take all necessary precautions as we monitor Tropical Storm Ernesto.

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