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EARLY DISMISSAL AND CLOSURE OF ALEXANDER HENDERSON FEBRUARY 27

ST. CROIX, USVI –The Department of Education, St. Croix District Office of the Insular Superintendent regrets to inform the public that effective immediately the Alexander Henderson Elementary School will be dismissed, and subsequently closed through Friday, March 1, 2019, due to an unknown contaminant causing students and staff to become sick. Symptoms include diarrhea, nausea, stomachaches, and vomiting.

Department of Health Territorial Epidemiologist Dr. Esther Ellis recommends the immediate closure of the facility to safeguard students and staff.

Buses will return to the school to take students to their usual drop-off locations at 1:00 p.m. Parents may pick up their children from the school.

An update of the status of school will be provided as more information is made available.

The Department of Education apologizes for the inconvenience this may cause.

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