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### **EARLY DISMISSAL AT LEW MUCKLE FOLLOWING NON- STRUCTURAL SPALLING OF CONCRETE IN BUILDING J**

ST. CROIX, USVI – The Office of the Insular Superintendent, St. Croix District informs the public that effective immediately, the Lew Muckle Elementary School is dismissed due to a non-structural spalling of concrete in Building J that occurred at approximately 7:40 a.m.

Buses will return to the school at 1 p.m. to transport students to their regular drop-off locations, but parents may pick up their children at this time.

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources, the police department, the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA), Virgin Islands Fire Services, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and an engineering team from the Department of Public Works are at the campus conducting walkthroughs and assessments of all buildings of the same design.

No injuries were reported.

Once the structural assessment report is complete, the district and school administrators will schedule meetings with faculty, staff, parents, and appropriate unions to share the findings.

The school will be open for instruction on Tuesday, May 21.

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