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The Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Commissioner
Department of Planning and Natural Resources
St. Thomas, USVI 00801

RE: VIDE is requesting an FCD Pre-Application Meeting for the Demolition and New Construction of the E. Benjamin Oliver PreK-8th School, St. Thomas, VI.

Government of the Virgin Islands - Department of Education - Disaster Recovery/New Schools Unit

Dear Commissioner Oriol:

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) is hereby requesting a FCD Pre-Application Meeting for the Demolition and New Construction of the E. Benjamin Oliver PreK-8th School:

The E. Benjamin Oliver PreK-8th School was damaged during the 2017 Hurricane Irma and Maria events and deemed unsafe for students and faculty. The E. Benjamin Oliver PreK-8th School has been assessed and approved for Reconstruction by FEMA. The E. Benjamin Oliver PreK-8th School location is at 142 Anna's Retreat, Charlotte 148-325 Palmetto Road, Anna's Retreat, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802

The plan proposes redevelopment of the existing site, which will include the demolition of the existing abandoned buildings. A completely new school facility, including Administration / PreK Suite Building, a 2-story (K-5 + 6-8) building, Electives and Media Center building and Gymnasium(FEMA safe room), and Dining building.

The Demolition and New Construction of the E. Benjamin Oliver PreK-8th School campus combines a light building footprint, resiliency, and innovative building systems to create a flexible and forward-thinking learning environment for students and faculty.

Total Square Feet: 68,419 SF

Grades: PreK-8th

Number of Students: +/-500

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If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Luana Powell – luana.powell@vide.vi, cell phone – 340.244.6876.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dionne Wells-Hedrington".

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Commissioner, VIDE