

## A Message from the Director

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A Message from the Director Fortunately, even though change cannot be controlled, it can be influenced. The most powerful impact on the shape the education system takes will be the meanings, purposes, and values that all of us decide are critical. Here in the territory, as education reorganizes and redefines itself, it will give expression to deep critical beliefs that prevail. As a society, we believe that all children can learn. We believe that teaching translates into deep, meaningful, learning. We believe that the purpose of education is to prepare students to become responsible contributing members of society. We value the safety and security of our schools. We believe in community partnerships that will empower our people. The Division of Human Resources remains committed to influencing educational change to ensure a sustainable system for future generations. -Alscess Lewis-Brown, Director of Human Resources, USVI Department of Education Vision Statement

The vision of the Virgin Islands Department of Education is to endow each student with a sense of pride and self worth through a program of instruction centered in the history and culture of the United States Virgin Islands. Our Mission

The mission of the Department of Education is to provide the Territory's students with an education which will make them competitive with their peers in the rest of the Caribbean, the United States, and the world; that takes advantage of our uniqueness of being geographically Caribbean and politically American; that integrates all disciplines; and that educates the whole child. Functional Statement for the Division of Human Resources

This activity center administers all human resource related functions of the department including contract administration, employee assistance, recruitment, selection, testing, and placement of personnel. It maintains all personnel files and evaluates credentials for employment of professional, instructional and support staff; prepares all documents necessary for appointments, transfers, leaves of absence, salary change, verification of employment/income forms; conducts research for reports on employee related matters and other personnel actions