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INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY LAUNCHES INTERACTIVE MOBILE APP

ST. THOMAS, USVI – The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE), Office of Instructional Technology (IT) announces the Department's new free interactive app "My VIDE" available now for download in the Google Play Store and Apple AppStore. The app will give parents, students and VIDE employees full access to portals, website information, and updates from their mobile device.

The primary features of the app include access to VIDE email, calendar and news, St. Thomas – St. John and St. Croix Districts Parent/Teacher portal for PowerSchool, third party access to VIDE's social media accounts, IT Helpdesk and password reset tool, videos, photos and more.

The Department of Education is the first and only agency in the Government of the Virgin Islands with a mobile app designed for internal and external use providing direct communication to staff, students, parents and the community. The project was funded through the Campus Consortium Mobile Campus Grant the DOE was awarded in May of 2017. The grant covers a total of $35,000 over five years of licensing and implementation.

The Campus Consortium grants are designed to give Institutions with a smaller IT budget a chance to implement new technology services that meet the needs of institutions and their constituents. The Mobile Campus Grant provides funding for educational institutions interested in implementing an "umbrella" mobile app for use by their students, faculty, and staff that integrates with existing third party applications.

Beta Testing of the app was done by the Office of Instructional Technology and VIDE employees who further ensured the app and its interface was user-friendly. Additional features will be released in future app updates.

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