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V.I. SMARTER BALANCED TESTS POSTPONED UNTIL FALL 2020

ST. THOMAS, USVI – The Virgin Islands Department of Education will postpone the administration of SY 2019-2020 Smarter Balanced Assessments and the Alternative Assessments, which were scheduled for a testing period of March 16-June 4.

The standardized tests that track student learning in English Language Arts and Mathematics will be administered at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Commissioner Racquel Berry-Benjamin made the decision Sunday to postpone the online tests that are annually given to students in grades 3-8 and 11 in an effort to minimize interruption and impact to student scores, should V.I. public schools close during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The Access 2.0 standardized tests that are administered to English learners will continue as planned. Students began taking those tests during the week of March 9-13, 2020.

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