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Virgin Islands Department of Education Conducts Investigation Regarding Vandalism of School Bus Resulting in Suspension of Service

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE), Office of the Insular Superintendent, St. Croix District, is actively reaching out to parents, guardians, and students for assistance in relation to a recent act of vandalism on a school bus that occurred on Monday, January 22, 2024. Bus #17, which was transporting students from the Educational Complex High School to the Paradise/Williams Delight area, suffered significant damage. The incident was promptly reported to the school's administrative team by the bus manager and is currently under investigation by VIDE officials.

Due to the substantial damage resulting from this regrettable incident, Bus #17 and the services along its route will be temporarily suspended until further notice. Letters have been issued to notify parents and guardians of the service suspension. It is crucial to emphasize that the safety and security of students remain the top priority for the VIDE and all its affiliates. Such behavior is deemed unacceptable as it reflects a disregard for the resources, equipment, and services provided for students.

The school's administration seeks the cooperation of students who ride Bus #17 as they work to efficiently address and resolve this situation. Parents and guardians will be notified once the investigation is concluded, and bus services are set to resume for the Paradise/Williams Delight area. The VIDE seeks the collaboration of all stakeholders involved in this matter.