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Dept. of Education to Start Distributing Meals to All VI Students in its 'No V.I. Child Goes Hungry' Initiative Starting Thursday

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The V.I. Department of Education said late Tuesday that it is distributing breakfast and lunch to students attending V.I. public, private and parochial schools in its “No V.I. Child Goes Hungry” feeding initiative, beginning Thursday, March 26. The action comes amid efforts being taken by the Bryan administration, which has closed schools among other moves to blunt the spread of the virulent coronavirus.

In keeping with guidance from local and national healthcare officials that requires maintaining a distance of at least six feet from others, School Food Service workers will place packaged meals on tables to be picked up by parents or students in a ‘grab-and-go’ sequence, D.O.E. said.

Meals will be distributed at designated locations in both school districts Monday-Friday only. Parents and students should visit the distribution site closest to their homes.

St. Croix District Pick Up

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Lunch: 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

- Claude O. Markoe Elementary School
- Eulalie R. Rivera K-8 School
- John H. Woodson Junior High School
- Juanita Gardine K-8 School
- Lew Muckle Elementary School
- Pearl B. Larsen PreK-8 School
- St. Croix Educational Complex High School
- Ricardo Richards Elementary School

St. Thomas-St. John District Pick Up

Breakfast: 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Lunch: 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

- Alvin McBean Ballpark
- Anna's Retreat Community Center
- Bordeaux Basketball Court
- Contant Knolls Community Center
- Estate Bovoni Community Center
- Julius E. Sprauve School
- Michael Kirwan Terrance Community Center
- Oswald E. Harris Court Community Center
- Paul M. Pearson Garden Community Center
- Savan Basketball Court
- Smith Bay Ballpark
- Tutu Valley Basketball Court
- Ulla F. Muller Elementary School (front entrance)
- Winston Raymo Recreational Center

D.O.E. said some distribution sites may be added, removed or consolidated, depending on participation levels. School monitors will be stationed at all sites to ensure crowd control and ease of movement, and that only students or parents receive the prepared meals, due to limited quantities.

