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Common Core, Community Outreach and Teacher Support Opens 2014-2015



Department of Education officials hit the ground running in September, marking the opening of the new school year with everything from intense teacher training workshops to community expos that showcased the Department's major initiatives.

The brainchild of Education Commissioner Donna Frett-Gregory, the educational expos were held on all three islands and gave parents and other key stakeholders the chance to dialogue with VIDE officials about ongoing programs and initiatives, as well changes being made within the classrooms during the school year.

"I saw a

dents' accomplishments."

Back-to-school expos were followed this year by a series of workshops welcoming new teachers. As recruitment efforts within the Department continue, Frett-Gregory has continued to be candid with stakeholders about current teaching shortages and what's being done to boost the numbers while also making the effort to ensure that new recruits are acclimated and receiving the resources or support they need.

Support through professional development



offer as much support as possible so that we can, ultimately, improve learning and achievement outcomes for our students.

St. Thomas-St. John and St. Croix school districts also took time this month to delve into training sessions focused on the implementation of a new teacher/leader evaluation system based on standards approved in early October by the Commissioner's Policy Committee.

The final approved document was the culmination of six months of work put in by a dedicated task force made up of VIDE officials and



The Virgin Islands Department of Education is allocated the largest portion of the Government's annual budget, and with good reason. Get acquainted with the events happening in the territory's schools: from promotions to Teacher of the Year awards and much more.

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