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Virtual Community Meeting to Discuss Demolition of Arthur A. Richards Junior High School Planned for Sept. 3

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Arthur A. Richards Jr. High School, located in the Stony Ground neighborhood of St. Croix, sustained severe damages following Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017. The school was approved by FEMA to be demolished and rebuilt. By. THE OFFICE OF DISASTER RECOVERY

The V.I. Department of Education Division of Operations announced Tuesday that it will hold the first of several virtual community meetings at 3 p.m., Thurs., Sept. 3 on D.O.E.'s [Facebook page](#) to share details of the first phase of the demolition of the Arthur A. Richards Junior High School.

The building was severely damaged during 2017's Hurricanes Irma and Maria, and ultimately received approval by FEMA for demolition and total rebuild. The \$3.8 million contract to demolish the school has been signed and a notice to proceed has been issued, D.O.E. said.

According to D.OE architect Chaneel Callwood-Daniel, the purpose of the meeting is to introduce St. Croix-based contractor Consolidated Asphalt and Civil Works, LLC to the community, share important details of the project timeline, and to capture community feedback.

The meeting is open to the general public, but St. Croix residents living in and around the Stoney Ground neighborhood where the school is located are urged to participate in the virtual event.

Arthur A. Richards is the first of two public schools slated to begin demolition in 2020, D.O.E. said. Charlotte Amalie High School's Buildings A and B are planned for demolition in the coming months.

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