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Dept. of Education Announces Changes To 2019-2020 School Year For St. Thomas-St. John District

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Yvonne Milliner-Bowsky Elementary School

Yvonne Milliner-Bowsky will accommodate students in grades K-5

Yvonne Milliner-Bowsky 6th graders will transfer to Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School

Joseph Gomez Elementary School

Joseph Gomez will accommodate students in grades K-5

Joseph Gomez 6th graders will transfer to Berth C. Boschulte Middle School

Jane E. Tuitt Elementary School

Jane E. Tuitt will be expanded from its current K-3 model to K-5

Current Leonard Dober 4th & 5th graders will return to Jane E. Tuitt Elementary

Leonard Dober Elementary School will not reopen as an elementary school

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Joseph Sibilly Elementary School

Joseph Sibilly will remain a traditional elementary school with grades K-6th

Lockhart Elementary School

Lockhart will remain a traditional elementary school with grades K-6th

Ulla F. Muller Elementary School

Ulla F. Muller will remain a traditional elementary school with grades K-6th

Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School

Bertha C. Boschulte will remain a middle school with grades 6-8th

ST. THOMAS -- The Department of Education late Sunday announced key changes for schools in the St. Thomas-St. John District that will take effect in the 2019-2020 school year.

Most notably, the department said, two of the district's previous K-6 elementary schools will now accommodate students in grades K-5; the district's previous primary K-3 model will now accommodate students in grades K-5; one district school will cease operations as an elementary school, but will reopen as another educational institution; and new start and end times have been set for all district schools to better accommodate bus schedules, as well as after-school programs and activities for students.

There are no uniform changes for the 2019-2020 school year in the St. Thomas-St. John District, D.O.E. said.

St. Thomas-St. John Insular Superintendent Stefan Jürgen said the basis for changes in his district was similar to that of the St. Croix District, including alleviating long-standing employee shortages coupled with a decreased student population, eliminating use of aging and damaged school buildings, and reducing operational costs.

D.O.E. Commissioner Racquel Berry-Benjamin expressed her satisfaction with the action the department has taken in making changes to the operations of its schools. "I am pleased with the work we have done over the last six months to thoroughly assess our schools and make the tough, but necessary decision to move forward in a more sustainable way that will benefit our students," she said.

Full details below:

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