

The Virgin Islands Consortium

State Office of Special Education Now Conducting Annual Parental Survey

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The Virgin Islands Department of Education's State Office of Special Education (SOSE) on Monday informed parents and guardians of children with disabilities ages 3 through 21 of the ongoing Annual Parental Survey being conducted through telephonic interview from the University of the Virgin Islands, Eastern Caribbean Center.

According to the release, the purpose of this survey is to collect confidential data on the level of parental satisfaction with the Special Education Programs and related services

provided by the Virgin Islands Department of Education, Divisions of Special Education. The results will be used to assist the Department of Education with improving services to children with disabilities and their families, as the State Office of Special Education continues its efforts to improve overall results for those receiving its services.

“We look forward to the full cooperation and participation of our parents. Let’s continue to improve outcomes for students with abilities,” said State Director of Special Education Dr. Renee Charleswell.

For more information, contact the State Office of Special Education Offices at (340) 776-5802 in St. Thomas and (340) 773-1095, Ext. 7087 in St. Croix. To provide new or additional contact information, parents and guardians are encouraged to contact Kathleen Merchant via email at Kathleen.Merchant@vide.vi.

The State Office of Special Education thanks the public for its time and participation in this data-collection activity.

All data collected will be absent of all personally identifiable information consistent with

§300.32 Personally identifiable. Personally identifiable means information that contains— (a) The name of the child, the child's parent, or other family member;(b) The address of the child;(c) A personal identifier, such as the child's social security number or student number; or(d) A list of personal characteristics or other information that would make it possible to identify the child with reasonable certainty.

The State Office of Special Education ensures:

300.610 Confidentiality. The Secretary takes appropriate action, in accordance with section 444 of GEPA, to ensure the protection of the confidentiality of any personally identifiable data, information, and records collected or maintained by the Secretary and by SEAs and LEAs pursuant to Part B of the Act [IDEA], and consistent with §§ 300.611 through 300.627.