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School Closure at Central High School Continues into Thursday

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ST. CROIX -- The St. Croix Central High School will remain closed on Thursday due to continued areal monitoring on and around the school grounds in an effort to identify the source of a gaseous odor impacting the campus, Virgin Islands Department of Education officials announced today.

The department said efforts to identify and mitigate the source of the odor continued today, led by the Virgin Islands Fire Services Hazmat Team and the Virgin Islands National Guard's 23rd Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team (WMD-CST). The teams will continue areal monitoring operations on the school's campus overnight and expand its operations in the surrounding communities early Thursday morning, D.O.E. said.

Staff at the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital (JFLH) and the Virgin Islands Department of Health's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) remain prepared to support, respond, and provide immediate assistance to residents impacted by this issue. Residents with health issues relating to this incident are advised to report to the JFLH immediately, according to D.O.E.

The following meetings are planned for parents of students attending Central High School and Educational Complex High School:

Thursday, November 21, 2019

5:30 p.m. – Central High School parents

6:30 p.m. – St. Croix Educational Complex High School parents

Location: St. Croix Educational Complex High School Auditorium

The department said it will continue to provide updates on any impacts to public health and the environment, and thanks the community for its continued patience and cooperation.