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Central High Opens Monday; EPA Finds no Harmful Emission of Gases Impacting School

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ST. CROIX — Central High School and all other Virgin Islands public schools will open on Monday.

Given the extended period that Central High had been closed the last three weeks as officials worked to identify and mitigate a gaseous odor impacting the school, assembly meetings are planned for Central High students with Department of Health employees beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, D.O.E. said.

Following a series of tests, the Environmental Protection Agency has confirmed that there are no harmful emission of gases impacting the air-quality of the school, said the Dept. of Education.

An area of the campus near the school's 800 Wing that was affected by spilled oil from heavy equipment has been cleaned and resurfaced with fresh concrete.

"We trust that everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends, and look forward to welcoming all of our students and staff back on December 2," D.O.E. Commissioner Racquel Berry-Benjamin said.

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