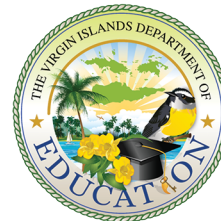




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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

On behalf of the Virgin Islands Department of Education, I extend heartfelt condolences to the family of **Daphne Felicia Dawson**, a longtime and most beloved employee of the Department of Education Division of Special Education in the St. Thomas-St. John District.

Ms. Dawson was a tireless advocate for students with special needs. Her life's work was to ensure that the social and educational needs of students were met, and that they had the chance to grow up to be independent and productive young men and women. In her field, she was a stalwart and a beacon of light. The loss of her presence and influence is felt across the Department of Education.

The Education Family grieves with you, Dawson Family, as your loved one was respected and cherished by her colleagues, students and the community. We wish you strength and peace now and for the days ahead, and pray that your faith will guide you through this sorrowful hour. Ms. Dawson will forever be in our hearts, and you will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sharon Ann McCollum".

Sharon Ann McCollum, Ph.D.
Commissioner