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Orlandette Crabbe Confirmed As Chief Education Officer

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Mrs. Orlandette Crabbe has been confirmed as Chief Education Officer within the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, effective June 2024.

Mrs. Crabbe's appointment to the position comes following an Acting Appointment.

As Chief Education Officer, Mrs. Crabbe will continue to supervise the administration and management of the Department of Education to ensure educational standards are maintained and continually developed throughout the Territory.

Mrs. Crabbe has extensive experience in education, having served as a teacher at the then Belle Vue Primary School, Althea Scatliffe Primary School and Ingleside Elementary in Norfolk, Virginia, United States. She has also served as Assistant Principal for the Althea Scatliffe Primary School and Principal of the Joyce Samuel Primary School. Mrs. Crabbe's professional experience also includes one year as an Adjunct Lecturer at the H. Laverty Stoutt Community College.

The Chief Education Officer is also responsible for advising the Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, supervising all schools within the education system and managing educational planning.

Mrs. Crabbe has earned a Bachelor of Arts in Preschool, Pre-K and Primary Education from the Florida A&M University and a Master of Science in Early Childhood Education from the Florida State University.

Permanent Secretary within the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Marcia Potter while commenting on her appointment, highlighted the ongoing work to transform education in the Virgin Islands, noting Mrs. Crabbe's significant contributions.

Dr. Potter said, "Education is the bedrock of any successful nation. Mrs. Crabbe has an extensive history of excellence within the Public Service, and we are excited at the opportunity for her to continue this progress as the Chief Education Officer. This is a critical role with functions that play a key role in developing the minds of our students and future leaders. I wish her every success."

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to the development and advancement of Public Officers across the Territory.