

# Hon Fraser proposes Maritime Academy & new Jr High School

## -Virgin Islands Party Chairman called for the urgent reorganizing of the education system

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**ROAD TOWN, Tortola, VI - Love him or hate him one thing for sure no one can debate is that for his first National Address as the Chairman of the Virgin Islands Party (VIP), Honorable Julian Fraser RA (R3) the popular politician was bursting with ideas, solutions and proposals of how a Fraser Administration will be different from that of the Dr. Smith National Democratic Party Government.**

Hon Fraser who took the helm from Hon Ralph T. O'Neal OBE earlier this year in an internal party election called for an urgent reorganization of the education system and the construction of a new junior high school.

The four term elected member of the House of Assembly and party leader was at the time giving a national address first aired on November 12, 2014.

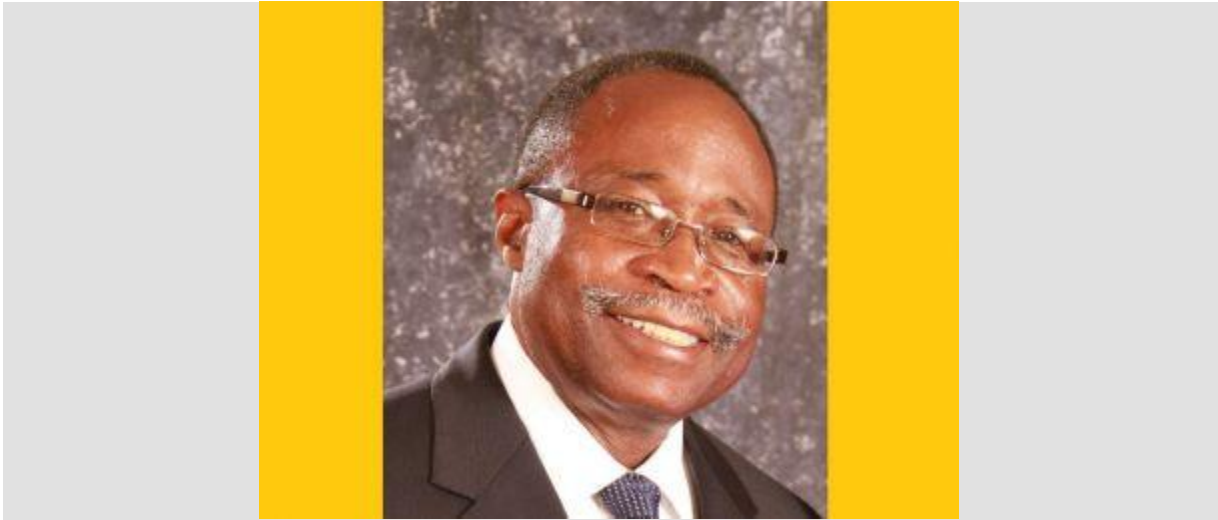
Thinking outside the box-Maritime & Oceanographic Sciences - Hon. Fraser

The VIP Leader told the public that "the VIP will with urgency, begin to reorganize the education system to ensure that Virgin Islanders are capable of managing the maritime and yachting industries, in partnership with investors and stakeholders."

Hon Fraser continued, "This will entail the establishment of a Maritime and Oceanographic Sciences Curriculum, together with a supporting Maritime Academy, where Virgin Islanders will be trained full time, in all aspects of the maritime industry."

The academy, will be a place of learning, both academic and vocational, and it will introduce a new maritime culture into the country's body politic according to the VIP Boss.

"We were once a people of a maritime culture! Wouldn't it be nice then to have that restored?" the former Deputy Chief Minister asked.



Hon Fraser who took the helm from Hon Ralph T. O'Neal OBE earlier this year proposed a number of ideas, including a Maritime Academy and Jr High School.

The academy will promote conservation and sustainability, and help to protect the marine environment by building geography and ecology, into all aspects of a new national maritime curriculum.

The academy will also work with the US Coast Guard, The Royal Navy, Shipping Registry, VISAR, and the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, to train its cadets, in all aspects of maritime security, the Third District Representative explained.

In selling his vision for the need for such a programme Hon Fraser said, "the academy will ensure, that the next generation of Virgin Islanders, is instructed in essential maritime skills".

Hon Fraser further stated, "This academy has always been something I felt strongly about for this country. I will fight with all I have to get it established as Premier. My aim is to cooperate with any and all relevant interests; the objective of course is to find mutual footing".

The national maritime programme will become a most vital project for a VIP Government.

The Maritime Academy with associated programmes, will ensure the employment of future generations in an industry that is vital to the country's bottom line, both socially and economically.

"All stakeholders, local and foreign, will be expected to contribute to this project, which will build economic growth, and equip our people, for the years ahead," the new VIP Chairman Hon Fraser articulated with much excitement.

**New Jr High School & No pie-in-the-sky policies**

The VIP will build a new junior high school to address overcrowding, indiscipline, and other issues that impact the education system Fraser promised.

"Deviancy has become a cancer in the Virgin Islands education system, severely degrading the education product" he said.

He told residents that "the VIP will focus on rebuilding the deteriorating schools' infrastructure first, rather than embarking on any type of pie-in-the-sky projects or programmes."

According to research done by this news site the 43 year old Virgin Islands Party has built all the schools both Primary and High Schools in the Territory from Anegeda to Jost van Dyke, Virgin Gorda and Tortola including the H. L. Stoutt Community College as no other party has ever constructed a new school, but the VIP.