

Campus Announcement

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Lawrence and Eris Field Building (17 Lex) Construction Update

Dear Faculty and Staff,

I am pleased to let you know that Phase 1A Construction work in the Field Building at 17 Lex has been accelerated, with the goal of completing all the interior work between the 3rd and 16th floors before the start of the fall semester.

To accomplish this, the construction manager, the LiRo Group, has different trades working three shifts around the clock. This should help lessen congestion in the elevators and corridors for the benefit of the building's occupants.

LiRo is contracted and managed by Facilities Planning and Construction Management at CUNY Central. LiRo supervises all contractors on the job and has been on site for the past five years performing pre-Phase 1a preparations. While Baruch's Department of Campus Operations, which includes Buildings and Grounds, does not manage the project or the construction manager, the department is LiRo's liaison and is charged with resolving any issues that arise, such as:

- Finding swing space
- Moving furniture/equipment in and out of the various rooms
- Coordinating closures or infrastructure shutdowns
- Refreshing or renovating rooms, using Baruch's workforce and materials

Work Completed Recently

- The 23rd Street sidewalk has been partially opened up, moving pedestrians away from the street and onto the repaved surface. Part of the

23rd Street sidewalk continues to be closed, however, awaiting the delivery of a new transformer that will greatly increase the building's electrical capacity. That work is anticipated to occur in the next eight to 10 months.

- Con Ed has been working this week to complete a project by 22nd Street, in front of the Administration Building. They installed a temporary patch and removed construction barriers on the sidewalk that had surrounded a Con Ed vault. The sidewalk contractors will replace the patch with concrete and remove the steel plates at the alleyway entrance.

Goals for the Summer

- Work continues on the basement and elevator cabs two and four. If you notice cabs one, three, five or six not working, please notify Public Safety.
- In mid-July, 22nd Street between Lexington and Third avenues will be closed on a few Saturdays to allow a crane to lift equipment to the roof of 17 Lex. During this work, floors 15 and 16 of 17 Lex, as well as Newman Hall and the Administration Building, must be unoccupied.
- On floors three through 16, walls, ceilings, and floors in the corridors and vacated classrooms and offices will be demolished. This work is expected to be completed by mid-July. Completion of the demolition will vastly reduce the amount of dust being tracked through the building. A full-time construction laborer has been working continuously to stay on top of these conditions. This is in addition to all regular cleaning.
- Piping will be installed, and final wall enclosures completed, in the shaft that extends from the lobby through the 16th floor in the corridor between the elevators.
- Scaffolding will be installed on the south side of the building's exterior, up to the roof to enable exterior ductwork. The scaffolding and ductwork will not cover any classroom or office windows.
- In the currently vacated classrooms, labs, and offices from floors three through 16, shaft installations and structural steel reinforcement will be completed. These areas will be handed back to the College cleaned but only the walls, floors, and ceilings that were specifically touched by the contractors will be finished or refreshed. In some cases, rooms in these areas will be marred from construction or the shape will be altered or

reduced. Consequently, Baruch's facilities team will have to reconfigure, refresh, or renovate most spaces before occupancy. The priority is to get the classrooms and labs back on line first, followed by offices and the Honors Lounge.

As ever, I appreciate your patience, understanding, and flexibility during this ongoing and long-awaited renovation of our historic 17 Lex building. We have made a lot of progress, and look forward to much more. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Regards,

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