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17 Lex Building: Renovation Updates

To 17 Lex Occupants:

With the Spring 2019 semester under way, I want to acknowledge how inconvenient it can be to study, teach, and work in the historic Lawrence and Eris Field Building at 17 Lexington Avenue (17 Lex), which currently is an active construction zone.

Elevator Upgrade
I appreciate that the elevators are a particular pain point that we all feel. With the semester in full swing this week, we got a sense of the traffic cycles in and out of the building and the bottlenecks that occur. Given the delays inherent in having an insufficient number of elevators, I ask that you aim to arrive 15–20 minutes early for your classes and appointments and work with Public Safety so we can keep elevator lines moving and fully indoors.

The mechanical and cab upgrade of two of the six elevators is nearing completion. We expect them to be fully in service in the coming weeks. Once those two elevators are restored, two other elevators will go off-line for necessary upgrades.

Thank You for Your Patience
I know it can be difficult to keep our eyes on the prize—Phase 1A completion by January 2020—but I ask for your continued patience as we work to transform 17 Lex and bring its facilities into the modern era. Following is a list of contacts for any issues.
• Health and Safety Concerns (such as air quality or odors)
  o Jim Kaznosky: 646-660-6048 or james.kaznosky@baruch.cuny.edu
• Emergencies (such as leaks, floods, electrical outages, and spills)
  o Building and Grounds (between 9 am and 5 pm): 646-660-6630
  o Public Safety (all times): 646-660-6000
• Any Fire Safety Issues or Protocols
  o Public Safety (all times): 646-660-6000
• Non-Emergency Facility Concerns
  o Faculty and staff should have their department submit a work order with Buildings and Grounds.
• Room Temperature
  o Building and Grounds (weekdays between 9 am and 5 pm): 646-660-6630
  o Public Safety (after 5 pm and weekends): 646-660-6000
• Technology Matters
  o BCTC Help Desk: 646-312-1010 or helpdesk@baruch.cuny.edu

Sincerely,

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