



## Education Center Reuse Community Newsletter (March 2022)

Below is an update on the status and progress of construction for the Education Center Reuse project. All monthly updates are posted to the project website and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.apsva.us/education-center-reuse/>

During the month of March, the general contractor, [MCN Build](#), has been progressing activities throughout the building and site. On the exterior of the building, the general contractor has continued to focus on the new ramp connecting the Education Center to Washington Liberty High School as well as concrete utility pads in the rear of the building. On the interior, work has continued with building components including installation of handrails, curtains, blinds, SMART panels, and signage. They have also nearly completed with drywall finishing, installing ceiling grid, priming and painting the walls, installing new floor finishes, installing millwork, and installing bathroom accessories.

The team is also heavily engaged with completing the installation and commissioning of the new mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) components on all floors of the building with an apparent focus on light fixtures, low voltage components, trim out of electrical devices, and the installation of the fire alarms system. Along with construction, the project team has continued to progress project closeout submittals, warranties, and trainings.

For the remainder of the project, the project team will be occupying the entire project site which will impact the sidewalks around the Education Center building and parking spots in the VDOT parking garage.

As a reminder the project's community liaison is Robin Hodges, Arlington Public Schools, Design and Construction Senior Project Manager who can be reached at (703) 872-9175 or [robin.hodges@apsva.us](mailto:robin.hodges@apsva.us).

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## MAIN BUILDING UPDATE

### Completed and ongoing tasks:

- Project Submittal and Review Process (**Ongoing**)
- Installation and Maintenance of Temporary Building Protection (**Ongoing**)
- Installation of Below Grade Plumbing (**Ongoing**)
- Installation of MEP Components on All Floors (**Ongoing**)
- Installation of Curtain Wall Components (**Complete**)
- Spray Fireproofing Installation (**Almost Complete**)
- New Exterior Ramp and Connection to the Washington Liberty High School Building (**Ongoing**)
- Installation of new exterior guard rails and hand rails (**Ongoing**)
- New Roof Installation (**Almost Complete**)
- Stair A Installation (**Complete**)
- Installation of Partition Framing on All Floors (**Complete**)
- County Inspections for various floors and trades (**Ongoing**)
- Installation of Fire Suppression System throughout the building (**Almost Complete**)
- Bathroom Partition Installation (**Almost Complete**)
- Installation of Round Column Covers Throughout the Building (**Almost Complete**)
- Main IT Closet Buildout and Connection of Utilities (**Ongoing**)
- Flooring Preparation and Installation (**Almost Complete**)
- Interior Painting (**Almost Complete**)
- Exterior Painting (**Almost Complete**)
- Installation of ceiling baffles (**Almost Complete**)
- Installation of classroom and workroom millwork (**Almost Complete**)
- Installation of technology throughout the building (**Ongoing**)
- Main Mechanical Unit Startup and Commissioning (**Ongoing**)
- Installation of Interior Glass Partitions (**Ongoing**)
- Installation of wood finishes on first floor (**Almost Complete**)
- Installation of landscaping components (**Ongoing**)
- Installation of building monitoring systems (**Ongoing**)

### Construction activities planned next month:

- Exterior Asphalt Mill and Overlay – Over Spring Break April 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

### Process related activities:

- Construction activities will continue between 7am to 5pm on weekdays and Saturdays. Sunday work is not scheduled at this time but may occur periodically as needed to stay on schedule.

## PLANETARIUM UPDATE

### Completed and ongoing tasks:

- Monitoring/Conditioning/Heating of Interior of Planetarium (**Ongoing**)
- New Mechanical and Plumbing Work Layout (**Almost Complete**)
- Fire Alarm System Rough Ins (**Almost Complete**)
- Finishing activities for the interior of the planetarium (**Ongoing**)

**Progress Photos:**



**View of the Front of the Building**

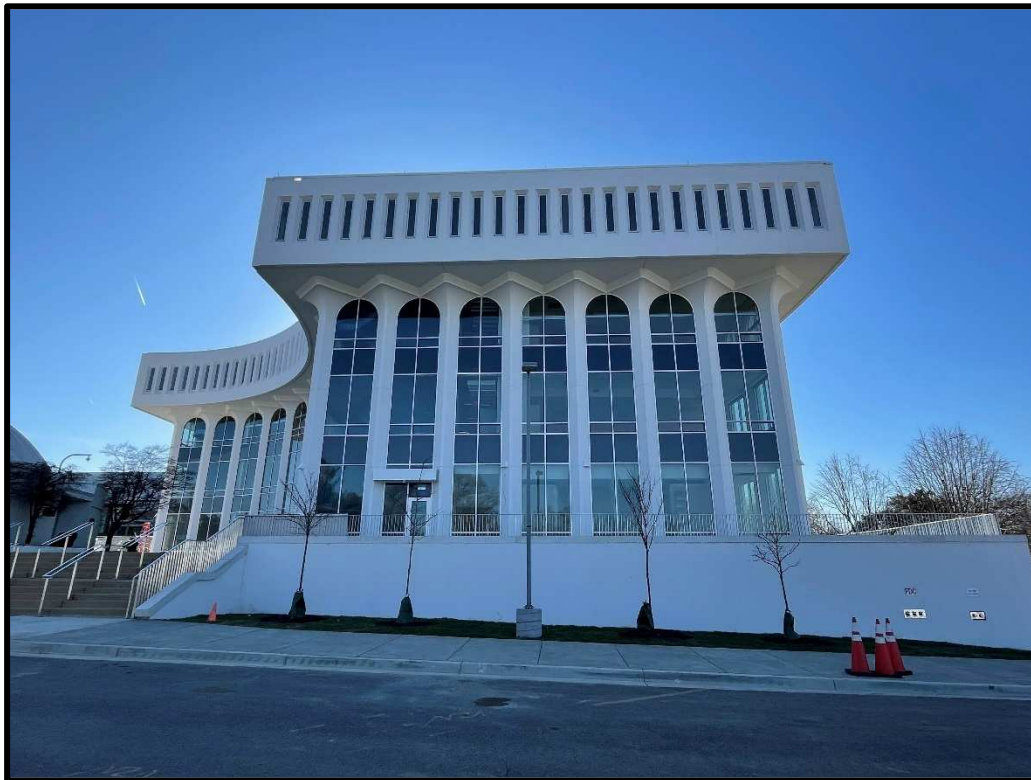


**View of the Rear of the Building**





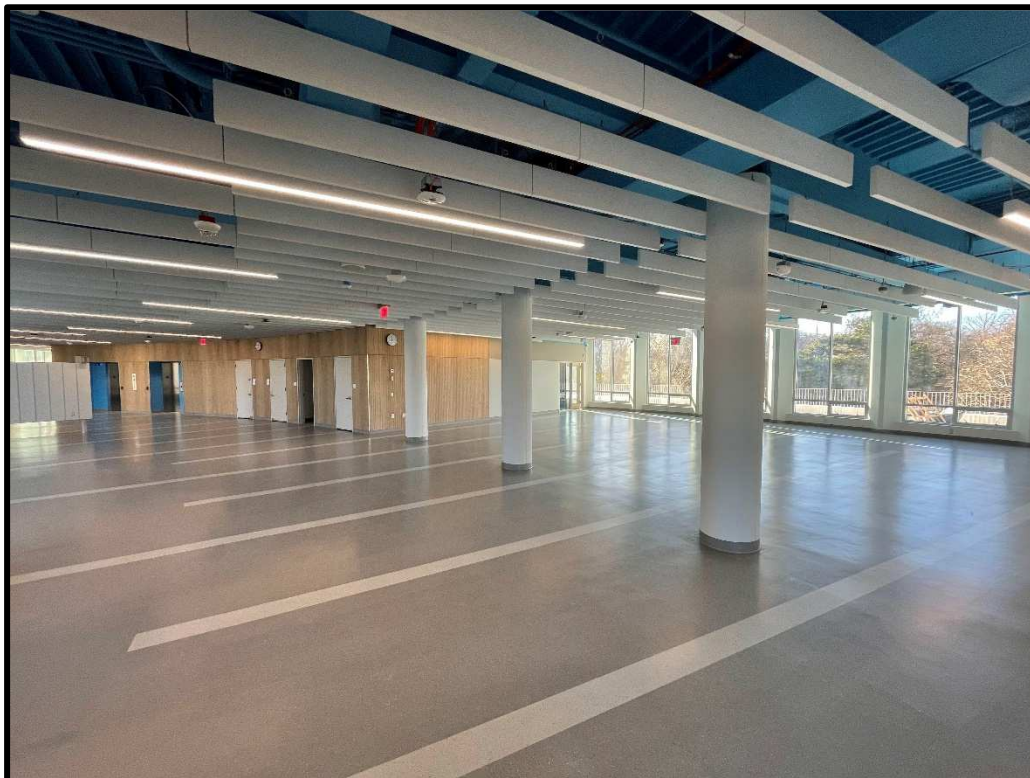
**View of the Building from Entry to the Parking Lot**



**View of Exterior on East Side of Building**

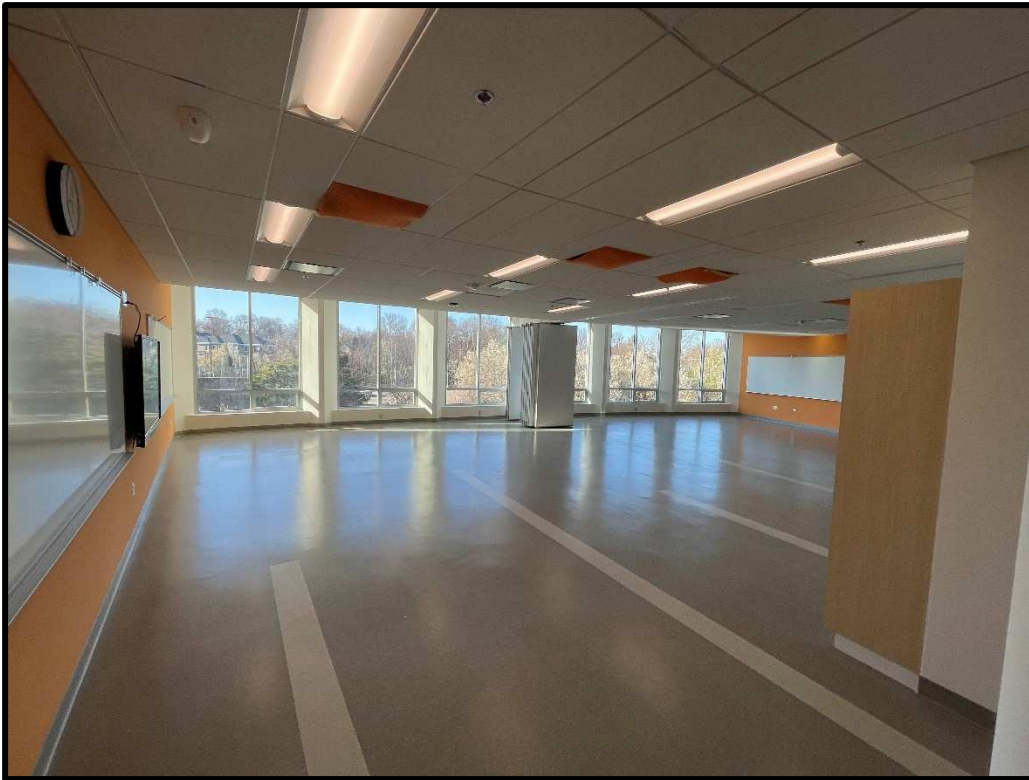


**View of Work Ongoing on the Ground Floor**

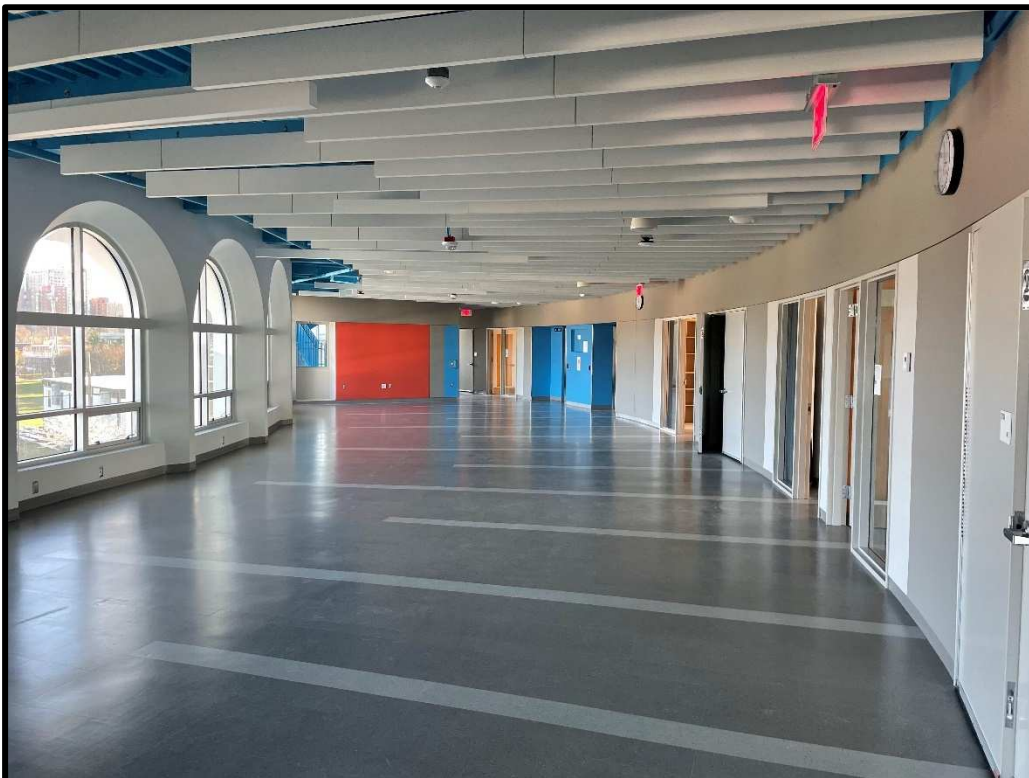


**View of Work Ongoing on Level 1**





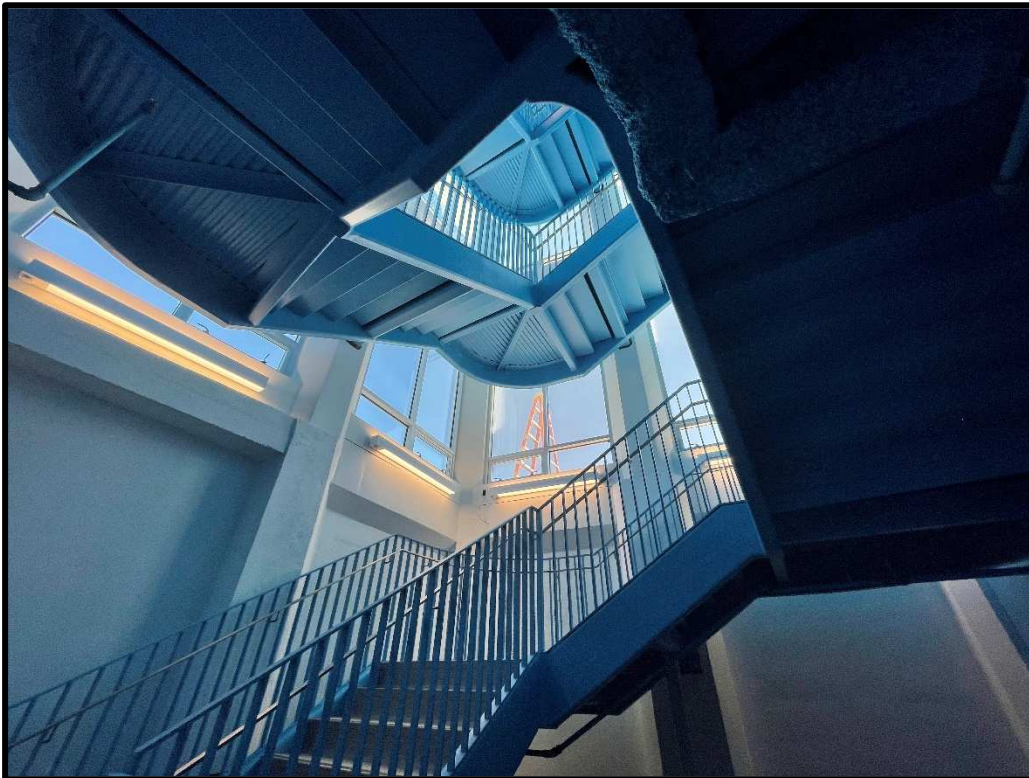
**View of Work Ongoing on Level 2**



**View of Work Ongoing on Level 3**

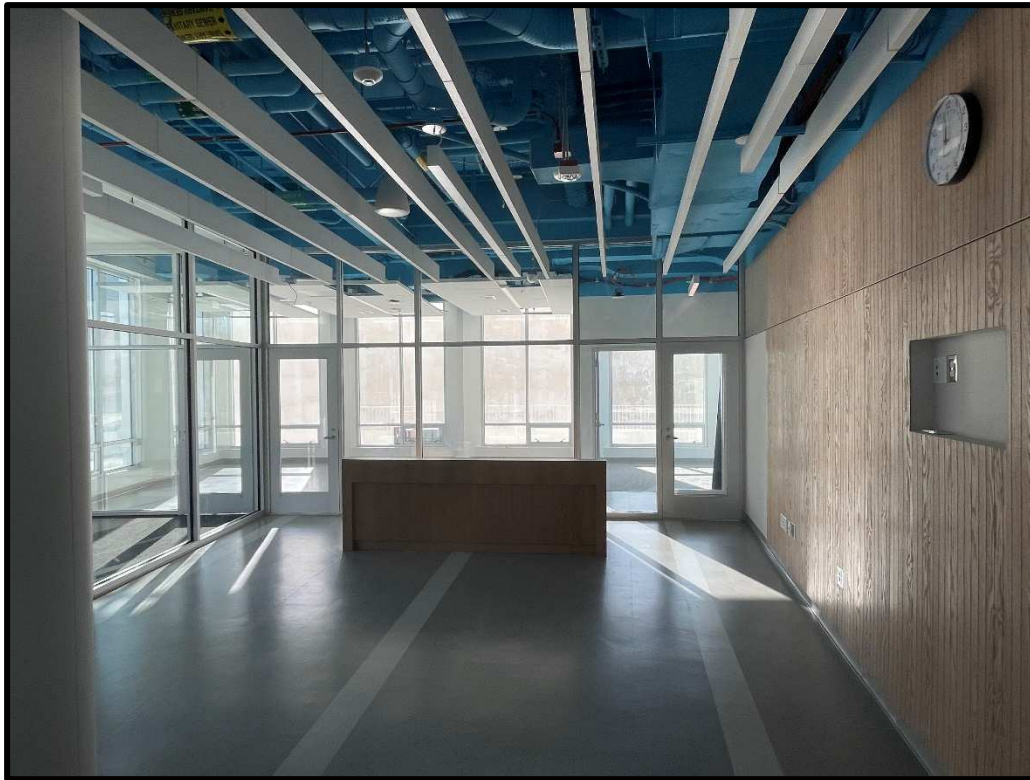


**View of Work Ongoing on Level 4**

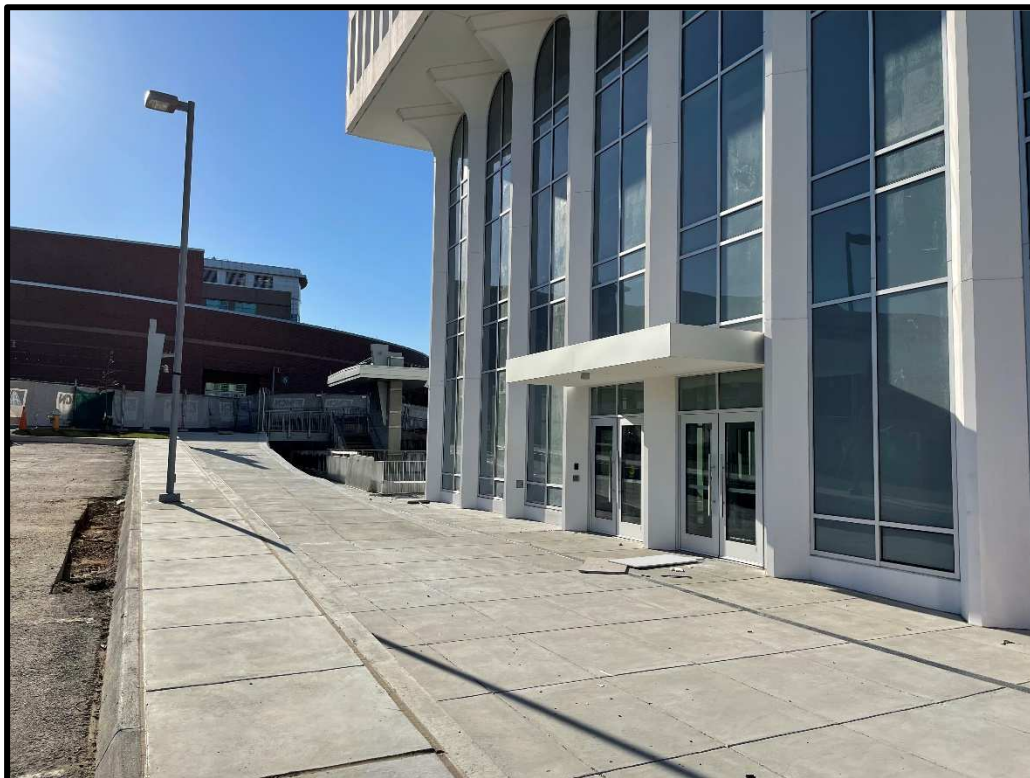


**View of Stair A**





**View of Work in Progress at Main Office Lobby**



**View of Work Ongoing on Main Ramp**





**View of Work in Progress at Planetarium Corridor**



**View of Work in Progress at Storage Room**