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Greetings Baltimore City College families,

Thank you for being supportive as we prepare for the long-awaited renovation of the City College campus. This major construction project will provide our students and staff with upgraded space to support the high-caliber teaching, learning, and achievement at City College today and in the years to come.

Since our last meeting in March, we have continued to adjust the project's schedule to reflect supply chain disruptions occurring throughout the construction industry. For City College, those disruptions mean that City's shift to swing space has been delayed by one year, to the fall of 2025. Under this new timeline, the new City College facility will be completed in fall 2028.

While the delay is disappointing, it has provided us time to begin to explore a partnership with the University of Baltimore (UB) to serve as the swing space location for City College during the renovation. Under the partnership, City College students would use portions of the UB's downtown campus during the day. A substantial portion of the UB's academic programs are offered online or in the evenings, leaving the UB with available space to welcome our students during daytime hours.

We are at the preliminary stages of exploring this possibility. Several legal and operational issues would have to be resolved for such a partnership, and input needs to be gathered from university community members and City College staff and families. Also, we would need to identify a plan for outdoor athletic facilities during the swing space period. If we can work through all these details and an agreement is reached, City College students would have access to collegiate-level facilities and lecture halls that facilitate City College's International Baccalaureate programming during the renovation and give students experience being on a college campus.

Thank you for your support and attention as we set the stage for the future of this historic campus. We look forward to sharing more updates in the coming months. In the meantime, please visit baltimore21stcenturyschools.org for background information about the renovation project and feel free to send questions to facilities@bcps.k12.md.us.

Thank you.