The following are pictures from the weeks ending in 8.13.21 and 8.20.21 in regards to the CLRC Renovations and Additions Project. Due to the multi-day campus-wide power outage caused by the severe weather that came through the area last week there was no report, so this week’s report covers approximately 1-1/2 weeks worth of work by the contractors. Overall the project is somewhere between 5-10% complete, and this week it reached its first major milestone in that the majority of the asbestos abatement required has been completed. Due to construction sequencing and demolition that will come later in the project additional abatement will be required, as well as for any unexpected areas not previously discovered during the original site investigation. The required demolition on the second floor is nearly complete, as well as the basement. Next week the required demolition on the first floor will continue, and hopefully be finished in the next week or so. Site investigation work will commence next week in preparation for the foundations for the two additions.

Photo #1 was taken over near the soon to be demoed library circulation desk looking towards the old entrance. As you can see the walls in that area have started coming down to make way for the new framing for the staff office suite and student conference room that will reside in that space.

Photo #2 shows the progress of demolition that is happening near the area of the elevator. This work is very symbolic as these walls are the last remaining barriers that stand and soon will be gone so that this building will finally be barrier free and therefore ADA compliant. After all of the walls surrounding the existing elevator shaft are gone the contractors can start erecting the new framing that will become the new first floor corridor that will connect the new east and west entrances as well as allow free access to the vertical circulation routes.

Photo #3 provides a glimpse into the demolition work being done to remove all the old walls that were part of the library staff offices, and reference collection area. One of the new additions will be connect ed onto that area which will house a classroom and computer lab. Additionally, part of that area will be the new main circulation corridor, the library main entrance, and part of the staff office suite. After all the walls are down the remaining carpeting will be pulled up, and then any existing mechanical and electrical infrastructure that needs to be removed to allow new construction to happen will be demoed as well.
Photo #1 was taken last week when the remnants of the entrance and west walls of the LAL were being taken down. That area is now clear and part of it will become a new corridor, the rest will be part of the new Writing Center, and a classroom.

Photo #2 is a photo of the old LAL but taken this week and shows that the remainder of the walls are now gone along with those of the faculty offices lining the west wall of the second floor. In the background one can see where the western stair tower ends at the second floor. This stairwell will be opened up so that the space is even more welcoming. In order to ensure building occupant safety new fire protection systems will be installed. The final version of these systems are being worked on by both the architect and construction manager so that they are in compliance with state fire bureau mandates.

Photo #3 was taken this past week in the old LAL area, and looking northeast towards the now demoed faculty offices lining the north wall of the second floor. Again in this area there will be a new faculty office suite, circulation corridor, and classroom built.

Photo #4 shows the progress of the demolition of the existing plumbing fixtures on all three floors of the building. The old electric water coolers are being removed and replaced with new ADA compliant units. These new units will also have water filling stations incorporated into them as per our new campus-wide standards.
Photo #1 shows the progress of the typical demolition happening in all of the existing basement classrooms. You can see that all of the old tile has been abated and the mastic removed as well leaving a clean floor slab for the new carpet squares to be glued down at a later time. The existing ceiling tile and grid will be removed along with the lighting so that the new fire sprinkler lines can be installed along with the new ceiling and LED lighting.

Photo #2 highlights the eastern corridor outside of the Little Theater. Similar to the classrooms, the old floor tile has been abated and removed along with the old wall base. This area will receive new paint, ceiling and lighting, and flooring with associated wall base.

Photo #3 highlights the progress of re-plumbing the existing basement restrooms. Here one can see the backside of the plumbing chase wall has been opened exposing the existing galvanized steel piping. This piping will be replaced with new copper hot and cold water domestic water lines which will greatly improve the water quality in the building.

Photo #4 shows the progress of the construction for the new janitor’s closet in the basement. Here one can see the new rough opening for the door into that space. The next phase will be for the contractors to tooth in new concrete block and install the new door and frame. However, this will not be finished until the new walls and floor slab are in for the closet.