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EASTMAN COOKE RETURNS TO DE LA SALLE ACADEMY FOR NEW STUDENT EXPERIENCE-ENHANCING AND SAFETY PROJECTS



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Prominent general contracting firm is renovating classrooms and reinforcing lobby security at equity-focused private school for sixth- to eighth grade students

Eastman Cooke & Associates (ECA), a full-service, general contracting firm based in Manhattan and Long Island, has again been retained by the storied **De La Salle Academy**. The newest project for the preeminent private school at 332 West 43rd Street is starting with the renovation of two contiguous classrooms, which includes the removal of structural walls to provide an enhanced and secure learning environment.

“It is always gratifying to work on projects at this amazing, equity-focused private school,” said **April Intrabartola**, Vice President, **Eastman Cooke & Associates**. “We are committed to upgrading learning areas for academically talented sixth, seventh, and eighth graders from economically less advantaged backgrounds who have achieved entry into an intellectually nurturing educational environment.”

In addition to expanding seminal classrooms into a unified space, the **Eastman Cooke** team will improve building security by installing a ballistic glass window and security desk into an existing masonry wall in the entrance foyer. The new features are designed to deliver even greater front door safety for students and faculty. **Eastman Cooke** will also be providing system improvements to the school’s HVAC system.

Angel Rubiel Gonzalez, PhD ’99, Head of School, said of the project, “**De La Salle Academy** is, at its core, a community, and our space is an extension of this ethos. As we enter our fortieth year of providing a world-class middle school education, DLSA continues to evolve, along with the needs of our students and faculty. We are excited to partner with ECA to update our school building in a way that provides added and improved space and function, as well as optimal safety.”

Throughout the process, the **Eastman Cooke** team will work diligently to avoid disruptions to classes in session.