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Dear STARS Steering Committee:

I am pleased to verify that the information contained in the submission made by SUNY Orange is accurate, current and fully reflects the importance of our sustainability initiative. We all recognize these data as baseline and intend to use them as the starting points for establishing measurable goals and objectives in the College's quest to become the most environmentally sensitive possible.

Over the past two years under the leadership of Professor Joseph Zurovchak, our Sustainability Committee has worked diligently, not only to establish the STARS baseline data, but to create a comprehensive master plan that will guide our development in curricula, programs and operations so that the entire College environment becomes as sustainable as we can make it. We have also this year appointed Kirsten Gabrielsen as Sustainability Coordinator who reports to the President and coordinates all elements of the Master Plan throughout the College.

I have no doubt that we will achieve and even surpass the ambitious goals set forth in the Master Plan and that the College will become a model for organizations, public and private, who wish to become more friendly to the environment and implement more effective and efficient operating strategies at the same time.

Sincerely,

William Richards
President