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Dear STARS Steering Committee:

I am very pleased to verify that the information in our STARS Report (attached) is accurate and current and fully represents our commitment to our Sustainability Initiative.

As you can see from the report's data, we have made significant improvements in several areas of College operations, especially in Purchasing, Dining Services, Buildings and Energy. In other areas we are not able at this point to show improvements but certainly not for lack of effort. In fact we have just this past year been able to begin collecting tonnage data on solid waste and recyclables. Continuation and expansion of this data collection will be of particular focus for this year.

I continue to have no doubt that we will achieve and surpass the ambitious goals we have set for ourselves in the College's Master Plan and that we will become the model for any organization that wishes to implement more effective measures to reduce its impact on the environment. I am also pleased that we will open our second LEED's certified academic building in August of this year. Data related to energy use and other sustainability areas will be included in future reports.

Sincerely,

William Richards
President