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Dear STARS team:

By employing a wide range of expertise and resources, Kankakee Community College is furthering the college's reputation and commitment to a flourishing environment, a healthy society, and a strong economy. In June 2007, KCC adopted the American College and Universities Presidents Climate Commitment, acknowledging that reversing global warming is one of the defining challenges of the 21st century.

As part of this commitment, KCC has made sustainability a strategic priority and an integral part of College practices 'to grow sustainability initiatives as a locally and regionally recognized feature of the college'. In January, 2009, KCC developed a Greenhouse Gas Inventory of campus-wide activity that provided the base-line for a Climate Action Plan adopted January 11, 2010 -- a plan to mitigate carbon emissions at KCC and make our campus carbon neutral. The Inventory was updated in 2011, and an ACUPCC Progress report was submitted this year.

Sustainability requires positive action, collaboration and creative problem-solving. STARS, and its facilitation of data collection, is an important part of our sustainability process at Kankakee Community College. The data submitted in this report accurately depicts our progress on this journey.

Please contact my office if you have any questions or require further information at president@kcc.edu or 815-802-8110.

Sincerely,

John Avendano, Ph.D.

President