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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: STARS Committee

FROM: Dr. Rose Harrell Johnson, President

DATE: April 10, 2012

SUBJECT: STARS Submission, April 10, 2012

Haywood Community College teaches, demonstrates, and uses sustainable technologies in a manner that is good for the environment, economy and society. As a member of AASHE and a signatory of the President's Climate Commitment, the College understands and values the significance of documenting and tracking its efforts. The use of STARS enables the college to do just that, to monitor changes from year to year, and to plan for future progression.

After documenting a Silver STARS rating in 2011, the college implemented strategies that resulted in demonstrated improvements in its 2012 STARS report for curricular, co-curricular, energy, climate and transportation. The 2012 report also captures a decline in waste reduction. Overall, the college gained 12.28 points as compared to 2011, and I am pleased to affirm the accuracy of its April 10, 2012 STARS report and its status as a Gold institution.

The use of STARS provides invaluable insight to the college as it strives to attain its goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050. I appreciate AASHE for encouraging higher education to embrace sustainability and for providing the tools to make that possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rose H. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style.