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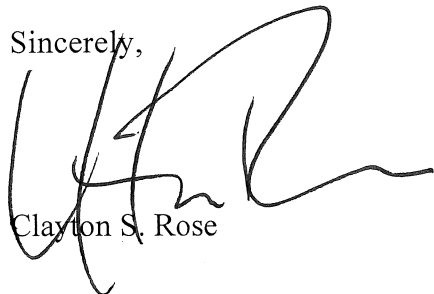
Dear Mrs. Zahniser,

I am pleased to inform you that Bowdoin College is submitting its fourth official Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) report and to affirm that it accurately represents sustainability initiatives at the College. This assessment represents months of data collection that included participation by faculty and staff in numerous departments across the Bowdoin campus.

Bowdoin is an institution dedicated from its founding to serving the common good, and that includes our commitment to sustainability and to being a leader in the interdisciplinary teaching and study of the environment. Bowdoin's dedication for placing the environment at the center of intellectual and social life was demonstrated most recently through the construction of the Roux Center for the Environment—a new LEED platinum building dedicated in October and designed to meet present and future needs for innovative environmental and sustainability research. The College is also taking advantage of its unique location on the coast of Maine to provide students and faculty with laboratory, convening, teaching, and residence facilities at our Schiller Coastal Studies Center (SCSC). Situated with easy access to the Gulf of Maine, where seawater temperatures are rising at an alarming rate, SCSC is uniquely situated to study this critical issue. The natural habitats of the center also open up a wide range of other marine, estuarine, and terrestrial research and teaching possibilities, providing students and faculty with state-of-the-art facilities in which to study ecology, biodiversity, and climate change in coastal marine communities. We have also recently announced the construction of a new Center for Arctic Studies that will build on Bowdoin's leadership in this critical area of scholarship and research and provide a new home for our storied Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum. And we are also currently constructing new student residences that meet passive house design standards for efficiency and sustainability.

The STARS reporting framework has proved a valuable tool for Bowdoin in documenting the numerous ongoing sustainability initiatives taking place on our campus. We look forward to the College's continued use of this tool as a means for marking continued progress and for targeting future efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CSR', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Clayton S. Rose