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To Whom It May Concern:

Onondaga Community College's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) report summarizes many of the College's efforts to promote sustainability and provides an accurate representation of our current sustainability-related practices.

Onondaga Community College has been successful integrating sustainability throughout campus operations, incorporating sustainability as a concept into the curriculum, and engaging the campus and community with the College's sustainability efforts. Onondaga promotes sustainability through active energy management, recycling, and composting; LEED Gold-certified facilities; academic programs that teach sustainability concepts and practices to a new generation of learners; campus gardens and an orchard that demonstrate the origins of food; campus meadows and grounds management practices that limit pesticide use, showcase native species, and provide animal habitat; storm water management to maintain the health of local watersheds; and, continuous community education.

As a Charter Participant of STARS, Onondaga recognizes the importance of tracking our progress toward meeting the College's sustainability goals. The STARS program is a valuable tool for monitoring sustainability metrics over time, and we hope to continue improving our performance in all areas of campus sustainability.

Sincerely,

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President