

December 16, 2021

AASHE/STARS Committee
2401 Walnut Street Suite 102
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Dear STARS Steering Committee Members:

The New School is pleased to submit its third Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, & Rating System (STARS) report. I am proud and pleased to express my enthusiastic support for this effort from the highest office of The New School. Addressing climate change is embedded in our culture, classrooms, research, public programs, and civically engaged projects across The New School. Our commitment is also reflected in our university operations and facilities.

Indeed, our focus on climate change directly connects to the "Framework for Fearless Progress" that I have recently articulated in my Investiture address. The pillars of that framework to be a leading institution for equity, inclusion and social justice (to which climate justice is inextricably linked), to be a leader in civic engagement and contribute to positive change in our "hometown" of NYC and beyond, to meet the needs of our students with exceptional levels of service, and to be a more academically and operationally integrated university.

Despite the unprecedented disruptions to campus life caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, The New School team that developed this report endeavored to provide a snapshot of the university as a fully in-person campus. They did so in order to better assess the impacts and improvements made since the submission of our last report.

Any questions you have about the report should be addressed to our leadership of the Tishman Environment and Design Center (TEDC): Joel Towers, Director, or Michael Harrington, Assistant Director. We greatly appreciate the opportunity AASHE/STARS provides to assess our progress and guide our work going forward.

Sincerely,



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