

February 27, 2012

STARS Steering Committee
1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite B500
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

As President of State University of New York College at Cortland, I am pleased to submit our institutional STARS report. This document highlights a number of our significant achievements, including ongoing energy conservation and our LEED commitment for academic and residential construction. In addition, we have cited numerous sustainability initiatives that have been conducted across campus, including the development of the College's Climate Action Plan, Sustainability Week and instructional activities at our Camp Huntington Environmental Outdoor Education Center, in the Adirondacks. Our campus commitment to sustainability is also underscored as cited in the Middle States 2012 Decennial Reaccreditation Self-Study.

Under the leadership of Ms. Nasrin Parvizi, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, a large group of faculty and staff across the College were involved in gathering the STARS data. Together they collaborated in developing a comprehensive view of sustainability events and activities on the Cortland campus. The process has been instrumental in informing us of our collective progress to date as well as in identifying areas for improvement in the future.

I am pleased to affirm the accuracy of the STARS report. I am confident that it will serve as an excellent benchmark of our current efforts and provide clear direction for the future.

Yours truly,



Erik J. Bitterbaum
President