



# WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

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Meghan Fay Zahniser, Executive Director  
The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

RE: Weber State University's STARS submission

Dear Meghan:

On behalf of Weber State University (WSU), I am pleased to submit our fourth sustainability assessment utilizing the Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System (STARS version 2.2). I affirm the accuracy of this report and thank you for the opportunity to participate in this program.

WSU remains committed to furthering sustainability, in all forms, through our own institutional operations, the education of future sustainability leaders, and collaboration with our community partners. This year, WSU completed a new sustainability plan that includes ambitious goals to scale up our efforts and impact, both on our campuses and across our community.

WSU has been working to aggressively reduce its greenhouse gas emissions since signing the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment in 2007. At that time, we agreed to become carbon neutral by the year 2050 but we have made significant progress and are now a decade ahead of schedule. Since 2007, WSU has reduced its total GHG emissions by 34%, saved \$18 million in avoided utility costs, and has created a detailed strategic plan to transition its remaining infrastructure and achieve carbon neutrality by 2040.

We have demonstrated a commitment to sustainability education across our curriculum to foster the knowledge and skills our students need to contribute to just, healthy, and sustainable communities. We provide our students with opportunities both within the classroom through sustainability-focused or inclusive 'SUS' classes, and outside of the classroom via sustainability-based clubs, events, and programs.

WSU works in partnership with individuals, communities, and organizations to increase the reach of sustainable practices. Since 2015, WSU has provided successful community programs that help residents reduce their emissions and carbon footprints, often by utilizing the same strategies we have successfully implemented on our campuses. Additionally, we provide our community and sustainability professionals with opportunities to learn, connect, and advance sustainability by hosting the Intermountain

Sustainability Summit, co-hosting Utah Climate Week, and Solve Climate by 2030 events each year.

WSU has been recognized as a sustainability leader, at the forefront of the sustainability movement. We are ready to channel the expertise we have gained over the last 15 years to increase sustainability performance at Weber, and to provide our community with the necessary resources to attain their sustainability goals. Together we can contribute to a just, healthy, and sustainable world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Mortensen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B".

Brad Mortensen, PhD  
President  
Weber State University