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Dear Ms. Fay Zahniser,

It is with great pleasure that Sheridan College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning ("Sheridan College") presents its third STARS report. I am proud to report that Sheridan has maintained its Silver rating and increased the overall STARS score.

Sheridan delivers a premier, purposeful educational experience in an environment renowned for creativity and innovation. Within this context, Sheridan defines its core values as Academic Excellence, Creativity and Innovation, and Global Citizenship. While Sheridan's Strategic Plan describes how the academic character of the institution will be shaped to transfer these values to students through curriculum and experience, the Plan also describes Sheridan as an institution exemplifying these values. Our Sustainability Policy states that *"as an academic institution, employer, investor and community partner, Sheridan strives to become the institutional model for how a 21st century organization practices sustainability - balancing economic, social and environmental priorities as a responsible corporate citizen."* It is this commitment and Sheridan's unique character you see reflected in the programs and actions described in our report.

Much progress has been made in the Operations category through the ambitious goals of our Mission Zero program. The Integrated Energy and Climate Master Plan incorporates a number of strategic investments in efficiency and energy infrastructure that will see Sheridan reduce its energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2020. The Zero Waste sorting stations for collection of recycling, organics, and landfill have now been deployed at all campus locations. These bins, accompanied by an educational campaign about the importance of proper sorting, have significantly boosted diversion of waste from landfill and reduced overall waste generated on-campus.

In addition, this STARS submission shows an improvement in almost every STARS category. It also highlights where there is room for improvement and a need for ongoing programs, policies, and initiatives in order to maintain momentum in advancing sustainability at Sheridan. Sheridan's commitment to sustainability includes keeping sustainability best practices in mind, and striving for continuous improvement. The transparent and accountable framework of STARS has been a valuable tool that has allowed us to identify key areas for future improvement, which we will attempt to address for future submissions.

As President and Vice Chancellor of Sheridan College, I affirm that the information in this submission has been thoroughly checked for accuracy. I thank the many faculty and staff that were involved in collecting and providing information, without which this STARS submission would not have been possible. I look forward to continuing on this journey along with the other colleges and universities who have made the commitment to sustainability, especially our peers in Ontario and Canada.

Sincerely,



Janet K. Morrison, PhD
President and Vice Chancellor