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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ North Limestone
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear STARS Steering Committee,

Stark State College (SSC), established in 1960, today serves more than 15,500 students from a nine-county service area in Northeastern Ohio. In recent years, the College has worked to model sustainability in a variety of ways – by reducing energy consumption, using green cleaning products, conducting college-wide recycling, leading outreach campaigns, piloting community programs, and integrating sustainability into the curriculum.

Participation in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) and the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) has helped define how sustainability can be an integral part of campus operations, planning, administration, and engagement and a critical extension of course curriculum. We look forward to using the STARS report as a basis for advancing sustainability integration on campus and within the surrounding community.

On behalf of SSC, I am pleased to sign off on our first STARS report.

Sincerely,

Para M. Jones, Ph.D.
President