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STARS Steering Committee  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear Steering Committee Members,

It is my pleasure to submit Red River College's second Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) submission to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).

Red River College Polytechnic (RRC Polytech) is Manitoba's largest institute of applied learning and research, with more than 200 full and part-time degree, diploma and certificate options. Through hands-on and online learning opportunities and state-of-the-art instruction, we prepare our students to become leaders in their fields — while also ensuring they can meet changing industry demands and contribute to the province's economic growth.

Our Strategic Plan 2022-2026, *In Front of What's Ahead*, has laid out a bold vision for RRC Polytech that will see us transform and grow to help our students and community thrive. We will become more agile and able to adapt our learning model to meet the changing needs of students, employers and industry; we are committed to Truth and Reconciliation and are dedicated to addressing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action and to pursuing equity, diversity and inclusion in everything we do; and we will help our communities and businesses prosper and grow sustainably through expanded applied research and deepened partnerships.

Sustainability is embedded in the culture at RRC Polytech. It is one of the core values that defines us and helps shape the way we work. This STARS report serves as both a celebration of our accomplishments and as a benchmark from which to identify opportunities to advance sustainability at RRC Polytech and from which to measure our progress as we continue to work towards improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of all Manitobans.

Sincerely,



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