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To the representatives of AASHE:

Red River College STARS Report Submission

On behalf of Red River College, I am pleased to submit our STARS report. For years our College has embedded sustainability in our operations, academics, research endeavours, governing plans and more. We've been recognized for those efforts with several honours, including being named one of Canada's Greenest Employers in 2011 and 2012. But we recognize that sustainability is a journey, not a destination, so last April I challenged the College community to continue our journey by embarking on STARS.

This project engaged more than 70 faculty and staff who met regularly in oversight and working groups to discuss which credits to pursue and how to best gather the data. STARS has been invaluable in helping our institution identify our sustainability strengths and weaknesses and assemble a solid baseline of information that will lay the foundation for future enhancements.

In December 2011 Red River College's Board of Governors approved our Strategic Plan: 2012 – 2015. One of the four Strategic Themes guiding our plan is "Improving the College's Triple Bottom Line: People, Planet and Profits," and the plan also reinforces our commitment to the STARS process.

I commend AASHE for all the work it does to advance sustainability in higher education. Your association has been a valuable resource to us, and I look forward to continuing our relationship in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Forsyth
President & CEO