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The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education 213½ North Limestone Lexington, Kentucky 40507

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Fleming College STARS Submission

Fleming College set the goal to be a leader within Ontario's postsecondary system with respect to sustainable institutional practices. Under the umbrella of Fleming's 2005-2010 Strategic Plan, a *Sustainable Campus Initiative* was launched. This initiative included the establishment of a sustainability steering committee, funding for sustainability staff, hosting sustainability conferences and building a strong partnership with our students to implement projects such as a ban of bottled water sales on campus.

We continue to focus on initiatives to create a more formalized, college-wide sustainability strategy. This includes the development and implementation of Fleming College's first Sustainability Plan in 2013.

Part of our sustainability plan development process has included the completion of AASHE's Sustainability Tracking and Assessment Rating System (STARS) program. The STARS report, along with the process itself, has provided an opportunity not only to gauge our status in terms of sustainability, but also engage our staff and students on the subject. Both experiences have been very beneficial.

I am confident in STARS as an instrument to assist us in moving forward on our journey towards providing a more sustainable Fleming experience for all.

On behalf of Fleming College, I am pleased to affirm the details of our first STARS submission. I am satisfied that the information provided accurately reflects our current practices and performance.

Yours sincerely,

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President