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Office of the President

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Ms. Meghan Fay Zahniser  
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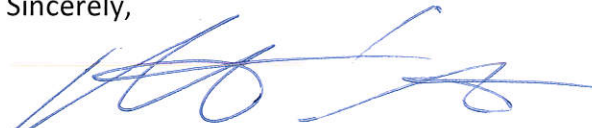
Dear Ms. Zahniser:

On behalf of SUNY Oneonta, I am pleased to submit our third Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) submission to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. The report demonstrates the University's commitment to sustainability within our curriculum, operations, research, and engagement. Sustainability is a core value of SUNY Oneonta and we welcome the opportunity to formally assess our efforts through STARS and use it as a benchmarking tool to help us continually improve.

Since our last STARS submission in 2018, SUNY Oneonta has expanded sustainability efforts. Notable accomplishments in operations include the building of a net zero carbon building, the installation of our first geothermal wells and the completion of our Clean Energy Master Plan. Green Office and Green Room Certification programs have been added to robust sustainability engagement programs making sustainability a more regular part of office behavior and residential life. The campus signed onto the University Global Coalition and committed to "work...to create a more sustainable future for all." Eight new faculty with positions in all three schools were hired with specialties in sustainability and will support the continued integration of sustainability into academics.

Thank you for providing the University with a tool to measure our current sustainability efforts and for a forum to work with colleagues within the higher education community who share our commitment to environmental, economic, and social sustainability.

Sincerely,



Alberto J.F. Cardelle, Ph.D., MPH  
President