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President

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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

On behalf of Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), I am pleased to submit our report for AASHE STARS v2.1. As President of WPI, I affirm that the information is reported accurately and represents WPI's leadership efforts in all aspects of sustainability.

At WPI, we hold ourselves to a high standard for operating a sustainable campus and engaging our entire community to adopt sustainable behaviors. WPI's education curriculum incorporates multiple aspects of sustainability, and our faculty's research interests address many of these aspects. Our operations include applying sound sustainability principles of energy and water consumption, housekeeping, groundskeeping, building construction and renovations, and planning. We engage our community, both on campus at WPI, and across the world at our student project centers, in sustainability initiatives and behaviors. In fact, a highlight of the WPI curriculum includes a requirement that all students complete a project that serves to address a social or human need with a technological solution. Across the institution we serve as a model of sustainability to our community members and to our peers.

We will use the results of this STARS assessment to continue to strengthen and improve our performance. In both our current and our forthcoming WPI Sustainability Plan, currently in its five-year update, we have incorporated the three principles of environmental stewardship, economic security, and social justice, and we are pleased to see that STARS survey addresses all of these aspects.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie A. Leshin".

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