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Subject: STARS Self-Assessment Report

From: Dr. Kenneth Simberg, Provost

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Hibbing Community College (HCC) has been committed to campus sustainability for several years, as students, faculty, administration and staff have helped forge strategies that have moved the campus forward along a continuum of sustainability. This strong commitment includes support for a campus sustainability coordinator, membership in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, participation in the President's Climate Commitment and reducing energy use through energy efficiency projects and renewable energy sources.

The campus is using the STARS assessment to establish baseline data that will be guide the development of a comprehensive sustainability plan for the college. This assessment process is also part of an action project through HCC's involvement in the Higher Learning Commission's Academic quality Improvement Program, which is a part of the college's accreditation process. These efforts have brought together stakeholders from across the campus community to work together to promote a more sustainable campus. Indeed, this collaborative process has been a highlight of the STARS process and has set the stage for continued improvement in campus sustainability.

I affirm that the information in the STARS assessment is accurate to the fullest extent possible. The information and enhanced learning acquired through this process will guide our sustainability practices into the future.