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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education 1536 Wynkoop St. Suite 100 Denver, CO 80202

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

It is with great pleasure that Metropolitan Community College (MCC) submits our first Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) report.

Early on, MCC's Sustainability department realized the importance of not simply continuing the practices we currently have in place, but working towards improving overall sustainability performance. To do so, MCC felt a submission to AASHE STARS was critical. This report will serve as a baseline to measure the progress our institution has already made, as well as how we can improve as we move forward.

Sustainability is the ability to endure by meeting our needs today and ensuring our children have the resources they need for generations to come. At MCC, we are continuously working to provide top-notch education and operate in ways that are economically sound, environmentally prudent and socially responsible. MCC is empowering today's students to be future leaders in the growing clean and green economy. MCC's approach to sustainability is three-pronged; sustainability touches our classrooms, campus and the community.

I affirm, to the best of my knowledge, that all of the information included in the report adequately represents our institution's sustainability efforts and involvements earning our first ever Bronze rating for STARS. All information was gathered and compiled by MCC's Coordinator of Sustainable Practices, Campus Planning and Sustainability Specialist, Sustainability Committee, and college-wide faculty and staff.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the STARS program. We are proud of our accomplishments and progress and look forward to building upon these efforts in the future.

Sincerely,

Randy Schmailzl College President