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To Whom It May Concern,

North Seattle College (NSC) is pleased to submit our fourth AASHE STARS report; nearly four years after our last submission in December 2017. NSC is proud of recent sustainability-related initiatives and values our continued involvement in the STARS program.

Overcoming recent global health, social unrest, and environmental crisis, NSC continues to strive to incorporate sustainability into our institution, in part, due to the guidance of AASHE and the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) program. We are proud of several recent and/or ongoing sustainability efforts and recognitions at NSC, including:

- **Climate Justice Project (CJP)**- a project co-led by a NSC faculty member, the CJP aims to build bridges between various disciplines to help faculty incorporate climate justice and civic engagement into their core curriculum
- **Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP)**- NSC recently joined LSAMP, which is a National Science Foundation funded program whose purpose is to strengthen the preparation, representation, and success of historically underrepresented students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)
- **Top 8 Community College by Campus Pride**- NSC was recently recognized as a Top 8 community college leading the way in LGBTQ+ Inclusion by Campus Pride Index
- **Pacific Tree Frog Mascot**- NSC recently adopted the native Pacific Tree Frog as its official mascot. This establishes them as the college's "flagship species" and ensures that their habitat (the wetlands on the north end of campus) will be preserved to support them.
- **United Way Benefits Hub**- NSC has partnered with the United Way to establish the Benefits Hub on campus, which includes support in the form of: a food pantry, textbook affordability, emergency funds, housing, financial coaching, and more

Our 2021 STARS submission encouraged collaboration between campus students, faculty, and staff. This submission also included an external review partner to help validate the accuracy of the report. We are very pleased to submit this STARS report as acknowledgement of our commitment to sustainable practices.

Sincerely,

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