



September 11, 2013

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
213 ½ North Limestone
Lexington, KY 40507

RE: The Ohio State University at Newark STARS Submission

Dear STARTS Steering Committee:

I am pleased to fully support and affirm the accuracy of the information gathered and submitted for The Ohio State University at Newark's Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System (STARS) report.

The University's commitment to sustainability led the campus to the AASHE STARS resource to assess and monitor our sustainability measures on our campus. Last year, The Ohio State University at Columbus earned a STARS Silver rating, setting the stage for each of the Ohio State regional campuses to pursue STARS ratings this year. Ohio State Newark is co-located on a campus with Central Ohio Technical College (COTC) and the two institutions share many resources, such as buildings, personnel, and services. Therefore, we are pleased that COTC has agreed to pursue this endeavor simultaneously with us.

Documenting continuous improvement in sustainable behaviors for our institution is a vitally important advancement for Ohio State Newark, and we are excited to be the first regional campus of The Ohio State University to take this noteworthy step. Ohio State Newark is committed to sustainability and recognizes the value of benchmarking and tracking our performance. We are committed to advancing our efforts and look forward to building on the strong foundation we have documented with the help of AASHE and STARS.

We appreciate the work and leadership provided by AASHE and for developing the STARS program. These tools are very important in our ongoing efforts to create a more sustainable Ohio State Newark and to prepare our students to take their place in the global effort to create a more sustainable world.

Sincerely,

William L. MacDonald
Executive Dean of the Regional Campuses
Dean/Director of The Ohio State University at Newark