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To Whom It May Concern,

South Seattle College is pleased to submit our third AASHE STARS report- approximately three years after our last submission in December 2017. South Seattle College is proud of recent sustainability-related initiatives and values our continued involvement in the STARS program.

Over the past several years, South Seattle College and Seattle Colleges has renewed its focus and commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion. In 2018, South Seattle College welcomed Dr. Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap as our newest president, and the first woman of color to lead our institution. Under her leadership, South has made a commitment to become an anti-racist college, with the aim to eliminate achievement gaps based on race. The college's work is now guided by a Commitment to Equity in Action, which states, "South Seattle College commits to creating an environment of equity, inclusion, and multiculturalism, which dismantles all forms of oppression by developing responsive, intentional practices." To help support this initiative through data, in late 2020, a diverse group of individuals and offices partnered to create South's inaugural Racial Equity Report. South has established baselines for 12 metrics, which we intend to improve upon year after year. The future strength and success of all students, faculty, and staff rests largely on our ability to make real progress in addressing racism in every area and experience at our College. This work also aligns with Seattle Colleges Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Plan, which was completed in early 2020.

The Sustainable Building Science Technology (SBST) B.A.S. continues to innovate within building sustainability and student learning. The SBST program has several recent notable accomplishments, including using campus as a living laboratory with City of Seattle Tune Up Ordinance project work; creating new partnerships with local municipalities and groups to provide students with hands-on, real-world experience; partnering with other colleges and universities to create a virtual reality building tour, utilizing innovative technology and teaching practices; and helping to create the Multi-Occupation in Engineering & Technology (MOET) program at South, which helps military veterans and others with professional work experience earn a technical degree.

We value the work of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) and are very pleased to submit this STARS report as acknowledgement of our commitment to sustainable practices.

Sincerely,

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South Seattle College

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# South's STARS Executive Letter

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