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To Whom It May Concern,

South Seattle College is pleased to submit our second STARS submission - approximately three years after our first submission. South Seattle College has continued our commitment to sustainability since our first submission and are proud to continue our involvement in the STARS program.

South Seattle College recently received a large National Science Foundation (NSF) to develop the first Bachelors of Applied Science (BAS) degree focused on the sustainable science technology in Washington state - it is unique within the Pacific NW region and nationally as well. A supplementary NSF grant brings together education, industry, and community partners to develop the program and expand the pipeline with targeted recruiting. It is a program we are very proud of and continue to receive accolades for. Other academic programs and courses incorporate sustainability as well, including Horticulture, Wine Making, Culinary, and others.

South Seattle values our relationship with the community, and as evidence we play host to two community gardens - one is located at our main campus and the other is located at our Georgetown campus. Both serve the needs of those communities, offering edible food and urban sustainable food production education to nearby residents. Both are assets to our neighbors and campus communities.

South Seattle also now has two LEED buildings. The Gene Colin C expansion building earned a LEED silver and our just completed Cascade Hall is hopeful for LEED Gold. We will continue to focus on resource conservation initiatives and sustainable building practices into the future.

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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Peter Lortz
Interim President
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Shouan Pan
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