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To Whom It May Concern,

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

Seattle Central is located in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Seattle, WA. Capitol Hill and Seattle Central have a storied history of social activism. The college plays a critical role in connecting social activism and academia, allowing residents to delve deeper into the environmental, economic, and social challenges of our time. The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI) provides strategic leadership toward assessing the effectiveness of institutional diversity and equity goals and outreach efforts. It is expected to lead Seattle Central to measurable improvements in educational and organizational climate and recruitment/retention of a diverse workforce and student body.

The Seattle Culinary Academy at Seattle Central is one of the first culinary schools in the nation to offer formal coursework in sustainability, highlighting the value of local and seasonal sourcing. The Sustainable Agriculture Education program offers associates degrees in Bioregional Food Systems, where students study and apply an ecological approach to small-scale agriculture from a bioregional perspective while analyzing and evaluating the cultural, political, and economic dynamics that influence the sustainability of food systems.

Seattle Central sustainability initiatives extend beyond the classroom. Operations continues to undergo resource conservation projects despite limited financial capital. Seattle Central now has two LEED buildings; the Wood Technology Center earned a LEED Silver and the new Maritime Academy is still awaiting final scoring, but we are hopeful for LEED Gold.

We value the work of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) and are committed to working toward a more sustainable group of campuses, city, and region.

Sincerely,

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