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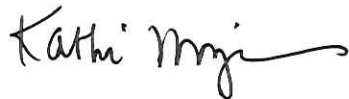
Dear AASHE STARS program:

It is my pleasure to support the submission of this report as a recognition and celebration of Whatcom Community College's commitment to sustainability now and into the future. We are a small but growing two-year college which has been providing leading-edge sustainability work through a dedicated faculty and staff. Given our size, the work put into gathering the data and content for this report has been an ongoing, volunteer-driven effort over a number of years. As such, some of these reports are a couple of years old. Our institutional efforts continue to be refined and improved and we are proud to demonstrate sustainability as an institutional value.

In our most recent strategic plan, sustainability is clearly featured; notably, our goal is to advance beyond compliance and basic practices to model leadership in our community for our students, employees, and larger surrounding community. As an institution, we have already initiated innovate programs including a sustainability graduation requirement and LEED certified buildings on our campus. As we continue to move forward with future planning, we keep an eye on the long-term impact of our decisions and how we can work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, provide more alternatives for our students in healthy and sustainable choices, and continue to innovate in our curriculum.

I write this letter to support these ongoing efforts and to indicate my verification of the accuracy of this report.

Sincerely,



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President