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Chris Pelton, STARS Program Manager  
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Dear Ms. Zahniser and Mr. Pelton:

It is my great pleasure to present Chandler-Gilbert Community College's first submission to AASHE's Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System (STARS).

Sustainability is at the heart of Chandler-Gilbert Community College (CGCC), and the entire Maricopa Community College District. Our current strategic plan defines CGCC's core values as Innovation through Exploration, Learning through Experiences, Growth through Service, *Sustainability through Engagement*, and Inclusiveness through Awareness. CGCC's vision declares that "our students are prepared to lead us into a promising and sustainable future." We are proud that this STARS submission confirms a number of excellent programs and practices that demonstrate this vision.

As part of our commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability, CGCC was a charter signatory to the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment in 2007. By signing the commitment, CGCC has pledged to eliminate or offset all campus greenhouse gas emissions over time, and in the process, lead the transition to a sustainable economy.

This STARS submission reflects the achievements made possible by the efforts of multiple stakeholders across our campus – from Facilities Planning and Development, the Office of Student Life and Leadership, Administrative Services, our district Office of Sustainability, and many more dedicated faculty and staff members committed to the advancement of sustainability. This report highlights our strengths in specific categories and most importantly identifies key areas for future improvement. Completion of this report motivates us to pursue the sustainability goals set out in our strategic and operational plans, using the STARS platform to guide our next steps. We are committed to keeping sustainability best practices as a priority in everything we do from academics and engagement to planning and operations.

In closing, I affirm that CGCC's submission has been completed with great attention to accuracy. I look forward to future submissions as we continue in our effort to prepare students for a promising and sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Greg Peterson, Ed.D.  
President