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To Whom It May Concern:

I am proud to submit FSC's first AASHE STARS report. Farmingdale's founding principles are rooted in agriculture, and that inherent connection to the environment has never faded. We are committed to not only staying green, but excelling and expanding our efforts to become a regional leader in sustainability.

FSC is dedicated to assessing, benchmarking, and updating its sustainability actions and commitments. Our sustainability progress will be evaluated on an annual basis, with the STARS report acting as a key guide in helping us reach our goals. We strive to integrate sustainability in every aspect of what we do, including operations and academics. The STARS report will aid us in ensuring we are making progress on our sustainability commitments and plans.

Some noteworthy areas of improvement include the creation of an Office for Sustainability that is solely dedicated to advancing our sustainability efforts, the design of an on-campus pollinator garden, and the development of our first Clean Energy Plan. Our new Office of Sustainability enables us to not only achieve our internal goals and meet state mandated executive orders, but go above and beyond the minimum requirement to truly shine in the field of sustainability.

Sustainability is a top priority for Farmingdale State College. We aim to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, instill sustainable behavior change, and increase our education and outreach regarding sustainability principles. Submitting the STARS report is only the first step in our journey to becoming a more sustainable campus for future generations to come.

Sincerely,

Gregory W. O'Connor
Executive Vice President
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