

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
President, Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holliday Street, Suite 400
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Dear Council President Rawlings-Blake,

On behalf of Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools), I am pleased to offer my endorsement and support for the Baltimore Sustainability Plan.

The Sustainability Plan will serve as a valuable resource to link our current efforts in the areas of green schools and environmental stewardship to the comprehensive vision of a sustainable city. We at City Schools are particularly pleased to see a section of the plan devoted to "Education and Awareness" with goals that include: turning every school in Baltimore City into a green school, providing work-based learning pathways to green jobs, and ensuring that all city youth have access to environmental-stewardship programs and information.

Our support of this plan extends from its content to the process by which it was developed. City Schools was involved in the development process of the plan through a group of students who planned the successful youth-led event GreenScape '08. By engaging a broad base of the Baltimore community, including City Schools students, in the formation of the plan, the end product clearly reflects the concerns and priorities of the community. Additionally, we plan to incorporate Green Teams in all of our schools to accomplish many of the short-term goals outlined in the "Education and Awareness" section of the plan.

City Schools is encouraged by the vision and goals articulated in the Baltimore Sustainability Plan and looks forward to playing a role in its implementation en route to improving our city now and for generations to come. If you have any questions, please contact me at (410) 545-1870.

Sincerely,



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