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Ms. Emily Hunter, Principal
Arlington Elementary/Middle School
3910 Barrington Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21207

Re: Systemic Partnership between Arlington Elementary/Middle School and
Baltimore City Public Schools

Dear Ms. Hunter:

This letter describes the work between Arlington Elementary/Middle School and Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) regarding environmental education and greening, to serve as documentation for your application to be a MAEOE Green School.

- Teacher Melissa Thompson has been Arlington's Sustainability Ambassador, the point of contact for greening and sustainability work, during the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years, as required by City Schools' 2016 Sustainability Policy.
- Ms. Thompson has participated in the Green Leader Achievement Unit (AU) program for three years. As part of our teacher contract, teachers earn AUs as part of their annual evaluation, by taking on additional responsibilities, and/or by successfully completing professional development. At Arlington, Ms. Thompson has led multiple greening programs that earned her AUs in 2016-17 and 2017-18, and she is on track to earn AUs in 2018-19.
- Arlington has received grants from the City's Office of Sustainability in 2015-16, 2017-18, and 2018-19 to support student-led greening projects. This year, their Green, Healthy, Smart Challenge grant supports student green teams, assists with an outdoor classroom, and helps with the school-wide green day field day. Arlington has also received grants from the Baltimore Energy Challenge for each of the last four years to support student-led energy awareness and conservation efforts. The school participated in several PowerDown! electricity reduction competitions led by City Schools' Facilities office. Please note that in Baltimore City, the school system is a separate entity than the City of Baltimore, but we share funding raised for school greening efforts and coordinate our work closely with the City and with the Baltimore Energy Challenge.

If you have any questions, I am available to talk by phone (443-642-4542) or email (jpi-sunyer@bcps.k12.md.us).

Sincerely,



Joanna Pi-Sunyer
Green Schools Coordinator