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Mr. Marc Martin, Principal
Commodore John Rodgers Elementary/Middle School
100 N. Chester St.
Baltimore, MD 21231

Re: Systemic Partnership between Commodore John Rodgers EMS and
Baltimore City Public Schools

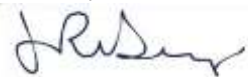
Dear Mr. Martin:

This letter describes the work between Commodore John Rodgers Elementary/Middle School (CJR) and Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools), and serves as supporting documentation for your application to be a MAEOE Green School.

- Teacher Ryan Ariosa has been CJR's School Sustainability Ambassador, the point of contact for greening and sustainability work, for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years, as required by City Schools' 2016 Sustainability Policy.
- Mr. Ariosa has participated in the Green Leader Achievement Unit (AU) program for two 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 CJR, Mr. Ariosa is leading several greening programs, including preparing the renewal application for the MAEOE Green School Award.
- CJR is receiving a grant from the City's Office of Sustainability. The school is using its Green, Healthy, Smart Challenge grant to partner with Audubon for field trips for its prek-3rd grades. The school is also receiving a Baltimore Energy Challenge grant to focus on energy awareness and conservation. Please note that in Baltimore City, the school system is a separate entity than the City of Baltimore and the Baltimore Energy Challenge, but we share funding raised for school greening efforts and coordinate our work closely.
- Long-time CJR volunteer Carolyn Boitnott is in discussion with City Schools about setting up systems to compost the cafeteria trays that City Schools' Food and Nutrition Services recently stitched to.

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

Sincerely,



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Green Schools Coordinator