

St. Michael's

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to write this letter in support of George Brown College's submission as part of the AASHE Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS). In particular, I would like to affirm the innovation of the work of students, research staff and faculty in the College's Food Innovation and Research Studio (FIRSt), a Technology Access Centre funded by the Federal Tri-Council for Research (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC).

The applied research work underway at FIRSt is innovative and fills a special niche in the Ontario healthcare system; and for the Greenbelt Foundation funded project with St. Michael's Hospital in particular titled "*Cultivating Change: Local Food for the Public Sector*"; integrates culinary, food and nutrition applied research expertise leading talented students to develop robust foodservice recipes suitable for healthcare use. As well, the team has also been instrumental in integrating at least 50% locally sourced ingredients into the recipes. The team at George Brown College also set up training courses for the St. Michael's Hospital kitchen staff to upgrade their culinary skills.

George Brown College's FIRSt is a pioneering Technology Access Centre that applies the expertise of culinary health and wellness specialists, working with students with the goals of enhancing healthcare foodservice recipes with delicious and nutritious menu offerings; focusing on people with special dietary needs.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



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