

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Ms. Stephanie Pappas, Principal
Holabird Academy
1500 Imla St.
Baltimore, MD 21224

Re: Systemic Partnership between Holabird Academy and
Baltimore City Public Schools

Dear Principal Pappas:

This letter describes the work between Holabird Academy and Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) regarding environmental education and greening. It serves as documentation for *Section 1.3.2 Systemic Partnership* for your application to be a MAEOE Green School.

Here are the ways we are collaborating!

- **Net zero energy school.** Holabird Academy is one of two NZEs in Baltimore and we are working closely to keep energy use low, ensure the solar panels are generating electricity as planned, and use the energy dashboard that provides live data for staff and student use.
- **Green Leader Achievement Unit program.** Ms. Juliet Unger and Ms. Jennifer Bowers are participating in this City Schools program that supports and rewards teachers who are leading greening efforts at their schools beyond their regular work day and teaching duties.
- **Green Healthy Smart Challenge.** Holabird will receive \$1,000 through this program that is jointly run by City Schools and the Baltimore City Office of Sustainability and supports student-led greening efforts.
- **Great Kids Farm.** Ms. Juliet Unger co-developed and co-facilitated a professional learning session for teachers about gardening, in partnership with staff from the City Schools' farm, a program of Food & Nutrition Services. Ms. Unger and Ms. Bowers have also attended other greening-related sessions at the farm on other systemic professional learning days.

We look forward to Holabird Academy being certified as a Maryland Green School! If you have any questions, please call (443-642-4542) or email (jpi-sunyer@bcps.k12.md.us) me.

Sincerely,



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