

February 15, 2013

Independence School Local I High #333
1250 W. 36th Street
Baltimore, MD 21211

Dear Jocelyn Virtudes and Richard Andrew Young,

On behalf of the Baltimore Commission on Sustainability and The Office of Engagement, it is our great pleasure to congratulate you on your acceptance into the Green, Healthy, Smart Challenges for Baltimore City Public Schools 2013 Program in the Sustainability and Energy categories. Everyone involved was very impressed with your students' ideas, and we are all looking forward to seeing your project presentation in the spring.

From its start in 2010 with just 16 schools, the Green Healthy Smart Challenges have now expanded to reach more than a third of all City Schools. We couldn't offer this resource without the energy, enthusiasm, and involvement of dedicated leaders like you to help our young people realize their role in improving our schools and our city.

By participating in the Challenges, each student will be helping us reach out to other young people in the city, involve them in activities to improve the environment they live in, and teach them about issues that affect them in language they understand. In addition, you will be helping us implement Education and Awareness Goal #1 of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan, to turn every school in Baltimore City into a green school.

We are thrilled to have your school and students involved in this project, and we know that it will be a great success. Thank you for your efforts to make the City Schools and Baltimore more sustainable. If you have any questions please contact Renee Goodenow, Green Schools Assistant with the Baltimore Office of Sustainability, at renee.goodenow@baltimorecity.gov or 443-447-7212.

We are all looking forward to a successful spring season of growing and learning!

Sincerely,



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Baltimore Community Foundation
Chair, Baltimore Commission on Sustainability



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