

January 31, 2014

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

Dear Matthew Hand,

On behalf of the Baltimore City Commission on Sustainability and Baltimore City Public Schools' Engagement Office, it is our great pleasure to congratulate you on your acceptance into the 2014 Green, Healthy, Smart Challenge program, and on the award of \$1,000 to your school thanks to our major funder, Constellation, an Exelon Company. 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 Challenge has expanded to reach more than half 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. Learn more at www.baltimoresustainability.org.

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 City 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,



Cheryl Casciani
Baltimore Community Foundation
Chair, Baltimore Commission on Sustainability



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