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Mayor Steve Hagerty  
2100 Ridge Avenue  
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Subject: Evanston Township High School's Climate Commitment to Mayor Hagerty's Climate Action and Resilience Plan

Dear Mayor Hagerty:

Thank you for inviting Evanston Township High School (ETHS) to the April 5<sup>th</sup> Climate Action Meeting of large employers. As an organization we are committed to continuing to be an active member of the Evanston community. We are excited to join other large employers and the City in reducing our contribution to climate change and ensuring Evanston is prepared for its impacts.

ETHS has already taken numerous steps to reduce our impact on climate change including the ones below:

Existing Climate/Energy/Sustainability Initiatives

- Reclaimed rainwater on athletic fields for irrigation
- Exterior LED Lighting in parking lots and building wide
- Interior LED lighting in hallways and classrooms
- Staged lighting usage in hallways during passing periods
- Power usage conservation during peak hours/ off peak hours
- Motion activated room lighting
- Green seal cleaning products 80%
- New energy efficient roof replacements (Tremco system)
- Energy efficient roofs
- Energy efficient windows
- Recycling partnership with COE
- Non-disposable lunch trays
- ETHS energy plant uses natural gas
- Water fountains with bottle fillers to encourage reusable water bottles
- Edible Acre, edible orchard, and talking farm provide local foods
- Motion activated lighting for vending machines
- School-wide recycling
- Closing wings of the school in summer

- Closing school on Fridays in summer
- Building automation system to control fans, heating, AC
- Partner with COE for COE recycling event,
- Kitchen dishwasher energy and water efficient
- Cleaner refrigerant for AC units and appliances\
- Sensor activated toilet flushers
- Low flow sink faucets in restrooms
- Motion activated faucets
- Food composting

We understand that in order for the Evanston community meet its ambitious goals, such as 100% Clean Energy and eventual carbon neutrality, additional action is necessary from all members of the Evanston community. That is why we are excited to announce that in order to support these community goals we are prepared to commit to the following:

New Climate/Energy/Sustainability Commitments

- Continued conversion of standard lighting to LED lighting
- Continued replacement of standard water fountains to filtered bottle fillers
- Expansion of ETHS garden space
- Expansion of urban agriculture class
- New bike rack to encourage greener transportation
- Continue to make own power which allows ETHS to exit the ComEd power grid during peak demands

In addition to this/these commitments we agree to provide an annual update to the City on the status of these commitments to ensure community progress in fighting climate change.

We want to thank the Mayor for his leadership on this important community issue and we look forward to continuing to making Evanston the Most Livable City in America.

Respectfully,



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Superintendent

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