



December 15, 2022  
Mayor José Gabriel do Álamo de Meneses  
Angra do Heroísmo Camara Municipal  
9701-857 Angra do Heroísmo  
Terceira, Azores

Dear Mayor de Meneses

Thank you for your interest in developing a sister-school partnership with our community. Bristol County Agricultural High School (BCAHS) is honored to be invited to be chosen as the sister school for this partnership. Many of our faculty and students are proud of their Azorean heritage. As an Azorean, I am especially pleased to work together with you and your school.

BCAHS supports strong academic and vocational/technical programs that focus on agriculture and the natural environment. We believe agricultural education offers a unique pathway to prepare students for lifelong learning. We are committed to providing the means for intellectual, emotional, ethical, social, and physical growth, as well as an appreciation for cultural and ethnic diversity, which will assist every individual to become an informed and productive participant in our democratic society.

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Leadership Program & Sustainability Summit

This month BCAHS has been conducting a Planning Process with our faculty and The Institute's team. We have a lead teacher who is representing us at weekly training sessions with the Institute's team. She is overseeing the nomination process with our educators to select students to serve as youth delegates. Please see attached the nomination letter and student application. We welcome your lead educator from your school to join us via zoom. The Institute's Leadership Program begins in January 2023 (see attached Overview). We can arrange for virtual workshops so our students can meet each other in advance of The Sustainability Summit.

We look forward to welcoming you and your youth delegates to the BCAHS's 220-acre campus for the Sustainability Summit: June 4-9. We are working with Senator Pacheco to ensure that your students have lodging and educational evening activities. We will culminate the Sustainability Summit with a VIP Event.

On June 10, it will be an honor to celebrate The Day of Portugal with you and all our youth delegates who will share their inspiring sustainability presentations.

Next fall, I look forward to traveling to your beautiful island with our youth delegates.

Obrigado,

Derek Costa  
Superintendent | Director  
Bristol County Agricultural High School