Climate Change Leadership Institute

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Dear Mark:

Every year the Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI) gives out Climate Courage, Innovation, Direct Action, Justice & Education Awards to people locally and around the country who demonstrate leadership in helping address climate change and spurring our nation and community on in the clean energy revolution. This year we are pleased to present to you this year's **CCLI Education Award** for your excellence in fostering community based environmental education. As a pioneer in this important field of experiential education and environmental stewardship, we believe you are deserving of recognition.

To solve the dual crisis of human induced climate change and mediocre education in this country we need to revolutionize not only the way we energize our economy but also the way we educate our children. Santa Fe Indian School's Community Based Education (CBE) and in particular your integration of hands on environmental sciences into this program represents a model for education and ecological advancement. Combining not only environmental learning and community based education but also traditional native peoples' approaches to caring for the land with 21st century applications epitomizes the sustainability revolution this country and planet needs to flourish. Thank you for your hard work, for your dedication to student development and for your excellence in this vital field.

CCLI's Education Award comes with a financial prize which we will make out to the Santa Fe Indian School Green Team with your mentoring and oversight for the purpose of SFIS student led sustainable energy advancement at the campus and beyond. The acknowledgement will also be featured on our website <u>www.takeresponsibility.us</u> so we would appreciate a response letter from you on your letterhead to post on the site as well. Finally, we will be providing you a plaque to go along with the award which you can receive in person at 2:30 during our Oct 24th annual event (see the enclosed flyer and know you are welcome to participate in the bike ride portion earlier that day if you like).

Congratulations to you with sincerity and appreciation,

Robb Hirsch **Executive Director**