

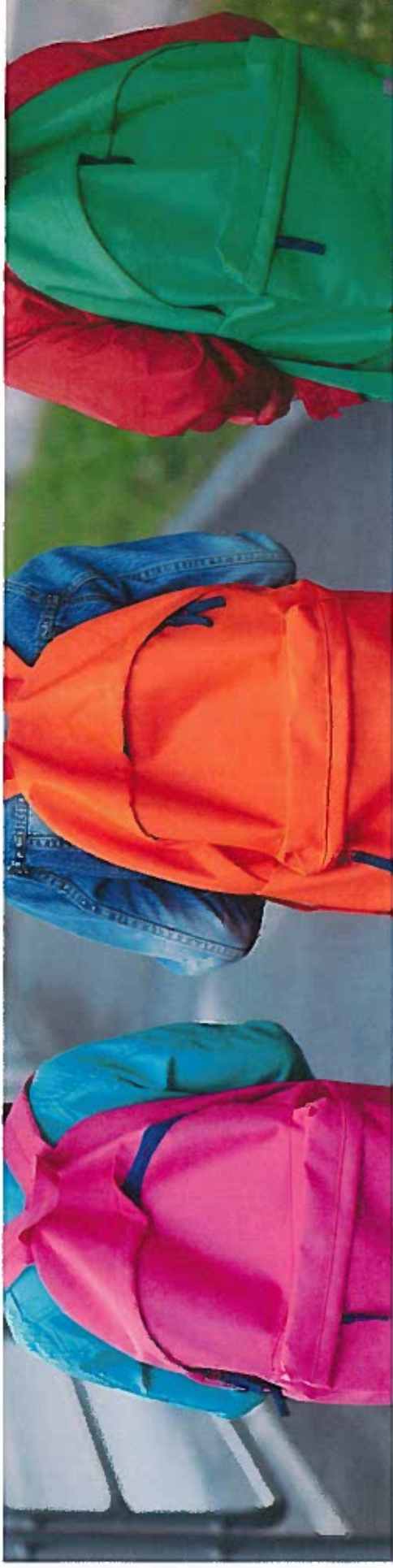
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# Michigan Standing Committee Meeting

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# Benchmarks in Michigan

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# Purpose of Benchmarks

Teacher and administrator's tool

Timely information to inform instruction

Use data for

- screening
- progress monitoring
- tracking growth
- gauging progress toward MI standards
- monitoring proficiency on MSTEP

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# Value of Benchmarks

Selection is local decision

- educators take ownership
- assessment used with fidelity

**Guardrails from state on high quality assessment**

High quality assessments

- reliable
- valid
- aligned to Michigan Academic Standards
- correlated to MSTEP

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# Benchmarks serve Michigan's system

## Trusted measure of quality

When benchmarks are aligned to MI standards and MSTEP, there is coherence with state level and consistency across districts.

## Two brief examples of benchmarks supporting Michigan initiatives

1. Screening within Third Grade Proficiency
  - consistency identifying at-risk students across districts
2. Tracking growth
  - consistency gauging growth across districts

