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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 22, 2018

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports (DESSS)

SUBJECT: Statewide Benchmark Assessment Contract Award

The Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB) Procurement office has completed an evaluation of Administration, Scoring and Reporting of Statewide Benchmark Assessments for the Michigan Department of Education. DTMB's Procurement office has recommended an award to Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) and the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), pending State Administrative Board approval and Contract agreement. These two vendors are the only bidders that met the minimum requirements of technical review to be considered.

The two vendors are slated to provide three different benchmark options from which schools can choose. The NWEA Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment, the DRC BEACON benchmark assessment, and the Smarter Balanced Interim Comprehensive and Block assessment. These tools will focus on mathematics and English language arts in grades 3-8 and pending final processes will be available in the Fall of 2018.

Look for additional information in future issues of Spotlight as plans begin to be built out.

For more information please contact Jan Ellis at 517-373-9391 or ellisj@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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