

Sacramento City Unified School District

**Board of Education Meeting**

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Comment As a parent I did not start out knowing the purpose of benchmark monitoring, but over time I have learned that it is a tool to let teachers see what knowledge and skills students have coming into a classroom or subject. Benchmark assessments are needed so that lessons can be based on what students need to learn. Without that basis students may be struggling because the lessons require skills or knowledge they don't yet have, or students may be bored and disconnected because the lessons are repeating what they already know. It's really disappointing and concerning to see that less than half of our students were assessed in this way last year, and how even fewer were assessed twice so