



Region 12 Coaches Memo
March Information Update for
Michigan Science Olympiad Tournament, March 18, 2023
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