





**TO:** Professional Practice Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Paths to the Professions Web Features

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### **SUMMARY**

#### **Issue for Discussion**

Last month, the Office of the Professions launched a new section of its website, [Paths to the Professions](#). *Paths* features introductory-level profiles of the licensed professions. Each profession's profile highlights what practitioners do, valuable skills and interests, license requirements, and more. Staff will provide an overview of the new features.

#### **Reason for Consideration**

For information.

#### **Background Information**

For many years, the Office of the Professions (OP) website has provided extensive information and resources for licensure applicants and licensed professionals, along with popular features such as the license verification service. *Paths to the Professions* is the first OP feature designed for P-20 students, parents, educators, career-changers, and those who offer career guidance.

In addition to using the site to review profiles of the licensed professions, students may search selected career-development programs that offer mentoring, scholarships, college guidance, and more. They also may compare how their interests and education goals match with a given licensed profession. The broad goal of *Paths* is to provide a useful space where students can begin to explore the licensed professions. In doing so, we hope to encourage access to the professions and highlight the Department's unique oversight of professional licensing and P-12, higher, and adult education.