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**TO:** Chief Executive Officers  
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**SUBJECT: GUIDED PATHWAYS ANNOUNCEMENT**

Today, the Chancellor's Office is announcing the first phase of the California Community Colleges Guided Pathways endeavor. This effort will be formally supported by the [Guided Pathways Award Program](#), in which all participating colleges will receive fiscal allocations over the five-year period specified in legislation to accomplish this important work. While these resources will provide vital support for planning and initial implementation, it should be noted that these dollars do not represent the only resources available to maximize the Guided Pathways framework. Other resources such as Equity, Basic Skills (BSI), Student Success and Support Program (SSSP), and unrestricted base funding should also be integrated into this effort over the long-term. The Guided Pathways framework will support the redesign of many instructional and support programs on our campuses in order to amplify student success, ameliorate achievement gaps, and increase goal completion.

In order to participate in the Guided Pathways Award Program, colleges will be required to complete three steps: attend an IEPI workshop in the fall of 2017 focused on the self-assessment process; complete the Guided Pathways self-assessment in the fall of 2017; complete the Guided Pathways multi-year work plan in the spring of 2018. Following the completion of these components, initial funding allocations will be made beginning in March of 2018. All of these components are addressed in the timeline included with this announcement. Additional guidance will be forthcoming.

Some may be wondering what that means for colleges already formally or informally working on implementing Guided Pathways. For instance, three colleges have already been immersed in implementation through the [AACC national model](#). An additional twenty colleges joined the [CA Guided Pathways demonstration project](#). Still others have been working independently, and others

have not yet begun. Regardless of prior participation, only colleges who complete the required steps are considered participants in the California Community Colleges Guided Pathways effort and are eligible for Guided Pathways Award Program funding. Colleges that do not complete the necessary steps will not be eligible for funding.

The Guided Pathways self-assessment must be completed using the web-based tool found at [gpassessment.cccco.edu](http://gpassessment.cccco.edu). A link to the tool is also featured on the Guided Pathways portion of the [IEPI website](#). To log into the tool, used the college's MIS number and the same password the colleges uses for IEPI indicator uploads. The Guided Pathways self-assessment tool allows college personnel to complete and edit answers over a period of time by returning to saved work and to print a completed version. The answers will require a team, but one person will need to be designated as the responsible party to submit it. The submission also requires a signature page that includes key stakeholders critical to Guided Pathways implementation.

To maximize opportunities for success, the Chancellor's Office will host [seven regional workshops](#) to enhance understanding, engagement, and practices. These workshops have been designed for the participation of cross-functional college teams, which will better assure the comprehensive completion of the self-assessment and the eventual completion of the work plan. They are just the beginning of the support that colleges can expect. In the future, colleges can expect additional IEPI support throughout the year including additional workshops, a field guide, a Guided Pathways Applied Solutions Kit (ASK), support teams for college visits, and alternative learning opportunities.

Please share this information with your local governance groups and campus stakeholders who will be important links to the implementation of Guided Pathways at the local level and register for the regional Guided Pathways workshops on the self-assessment.

As we embark on this exciting opportunity, the Chancellor's Office is committed to collaborating with a broad range of state and national professional partners, including leaders from the national Guided Pathways model and the Academic Senate, to expand the capacity for this important work. We encourage your active participation at both the campus and state levels. We have an unparalleled opportunity to improve our colleges and our systems to accomplish our shared mission and meet the goals in our [Vision for Success](#). Together, we can make progress in implementing meaningful reforms that will ensure our students achieve their goals and realize the outcomes that will give them a better tomorrow.

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Please submit questions regarding this process to [guidedpathwaysinfo@cccco.edu](mailto:guidedpathwaysinfo@cccco.edu).

Attachments: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Regional Workshops Schedule

Timeline

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