Lesson Title: **Teacher Educational Journey Interviews**

**Objective:** Students will have the opportunity to listen to their instructor's educational journey and prepare to interview teachers at their school site.

**Time Needed:** 25 minutes

**Launch:** (10 minutes)

**Opening Message/Question:**
Teacher Note: Prepare your own Educational Journey beforehand. Be creative. Some possible ideas might be a road map or a book of pictures that illustrate your educational journey. Use the attached five questions as a way to begin your response, and then add other types of information as you like.

An educational journey is the experience someone has had from preschool or kindergarten until the present. One thing that is always true is that no matter how much education we have, we never stop learning. Today, I am going to share with you my educational journey.

**Agenda:** (14 minutes)

**Review Handout:** (1 minute)
Now that you have heard my educational journey, I want us to think about questions you would want to ask someone else who went to college.

**Group Discussion:** (10 minutes)
Ask the following:
- Why would asking someone about their experience in elementary, middle or high school be something you would want to know?
- Why would asking someone where they went to college be something you would want to know?
- Once you know where they went to college, what other types of questions would you want to ask?
- If we were to find out where every staff person on campus went to college, how would that benefit students?

**Instructions:** (3 minutes)
I want to introduce you to a class project. Each one of you will interview a specific staff member on campus and will report back to all of us. I want you to very politely go up to your assigned staff member and ask for 5 minutes of their time during break or lunch in order to ask them the 5 questions on the Educational Journey Interview handout. (Let students know what staff member has been assigned to them.) Please make sure to take good notes of the responses!

Teacher Note: Give students the Educational Journey Interview handout and have a student volunteer to read each question out loud.

**Summary:** (1 minute)

**Closing Remarks:**
Now that each one of you has a special person to interview, I want you to make sure you take the time to do a good job and really listen to their educational journey. Make sure to have your interview done by our next advisory because we will be sharing these educational journey interviews in class.

**Materials:**
- Board or Chart Paper
- Chalk or Markers
- Create a list of your students' names with an assigned faculty or staff member for them to interview.
- Copies of Educational Journey Interview
Educational Journey Interview

What colleges/universities did you attend? What degrees did you obtain? What was your major?
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What was your favorite experience(s) elementary, middle or high school?
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What was your favorite experience(s) about college?
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If you could give one piece of advice to a student about college, what would it be?
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Please complete this sentence: I went to college because . . .
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Educational Journey Take Home Activity

*This activity is done outside of the classroom.* The following questions are meant for the student to ask a family member (parents, older sibling or cousin, aunt or uncle).

1. Where did you go to elementary school? Middle school? High school?

2. What did you like the most about school? The least?

3. Were you encouraged to do well in school? What messages did adults (parents, teachers) give you about your education?

4. Did you go to college? Why or why not?

5. If you had a chance to further your education, what would you study?

The following questions are meant for the family member to ask the student.

1. What do you like the most about school? The least?

2. Why do you want to go to college? Where do you want to go to college?

3. What job do you want to do when you grow up? Try to find out how many years of college you need for this job.

4. What messages about you going to college are you getting at school? At home?

5. What can we do as a family to help you do well in school?