

To: All SEVIS Users

Date: Oct. 7, 2016

Re: Broadcast Message Recap

Number: 1610-02

General Information

Starting on May 16, 2016, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) changed the Broadcast Message distribution process to reduce the influx of messages Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) users receive via email on a monthly basis.

SEVP only sends emergency, time sensitive, webinar and Batch-related messages via email. All other messages are posted to the SEVIS message board and to the Broadcast Message archive page for SEVIS users to view at their discretion. To locate the Broadcast Message archive page, please visit ICE.gov's [What's New](#) page and click on the Broadcast Message tab in the gray header section.

Below is a brief description of the latest non-emergency message posted to the SEVIS message board from Sept. 15 to Sept. 30. Please be sure to check the message board to review each message in more detail.

- **Broadcast Message 1609-02 Download the September 2016 Edition of the SEVP Spotlight on SEVPAMS.** SEVP Director Lou Farrell discusses the changes coming to the initial school certification process and the process used to update a Form I-17, "Petition for Approval of School Attendance by Nonimmigrant Student."

Note: Schools and school officials are responsible for information contained in messages from SEVP and the U.S. Department of State, regardless of whether the information is sent via email or posted directly to the message board.

SEVP will provide updates in the coming months about additional improvements made to the broadcast message functionality in SEVIS.

Comments

To comment on this Broadcast Message, please email SEVP@ice.dhs.gov with "Broadcast Message 1610-02 Comment" entered in the subject line.

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