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General Information

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) recently published the September 2016 edition of the SEVP Spotlight.

In this quarterly newsletter, SEVP Director Lou Farrell discusses the changes coming to the initial school certification process and the process used to update Forms I-17, "Petition for Approval of School Attendance by Nonimmigrant Student." Beginning Oct. 1, 2016, school officials filing an initial petition or submitting an update to an existing Form I-17 must electronically submit their school's evidence upfront by scanning the documents and emailing them to SEVP's School Certification Unit.

This edition also includes:

- Updates about incoming Study in the States and Student and Exchange Visitor Information System enhancements;
- An interview with the Norfolk, Virginia-based SEVP field representative; and
- Important policy guidance reminders on the Form I-20, "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status," and the English proficiency field.

To read more, download the [September 2016 SEVP Spotlight](#) on Study in the States.

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