Broadcast Message: SEVIS Notice – SEVIS Release 6.75.1

To: All SEVIS Users

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General Information

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will deploy the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Release 6.75.1 on Friday, Feb. 23, 2024.

This release will contain the following updates for F and M school officials:

- SEVIS Form I-17, "Petition for Approval of School for Attendance by Nonimmigrant Student," Field 5.7, **Fax Number**, will be edit only.

- **Name** and **Citizenship** fields on the *Update Official* page will be read only when adding an existing user to the Form I-17. The fields will become editable after the principal designated school official (PDSO) attests to and submits the school official addition on the Form I-17, which completes the addition of an existing user.

This release will contain the following updates for J-1 program sponsors:

- Changes to exchange visitor event history:
  - When a change of status is denied, the receipt number will display in the details.
  - When a change of status is approved, details will display (e.g., benefit start date, new class of admission, etc.).
  - An 'Auto Completion – Change of Status approved' event will be recorded when the SEVIS status changes to Inactive on the benefit start date for the new class of admission.
  - A 'System No Show' event will be recorded when the status changes to No Show after a transfer.
  - A 'Dependent Added' event will be recorded with details when a J-2 is added.
  - A 'System Support Update' event will be recorded with details when exchange visitor program information is updated via a data fix.

- Responsible officers and alternate responsible officers will be able to cancel a segment of academic training for an exchange visitor prior to the academic training begin date.

- Exchange visitor foreign address and foreign phone number fields will display on the Update Contact and Program Information page.

Additional information about the release is available in the [SEVIS Release 6.75.1 Planning Guide](#), located on the [SEVIS Enhancements](#) page in the SEVIS Help Hub.

The SEVIS Production environment and SEVIS Batching will NOT be available from Friday, Feb. 23, 2024 at 8 PM (ET) to Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024 at 12 AM (ET).

For questions about this release, please contact the SEVP Response Center (SRC) via phone at 703-603-3400 or 1-800-892-4829 or via email at SEVP@ice.dhs.gov. The SRC is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except for federal holidays.

FOR BATCH USERS ONLY

SEVIS Batch file processing will be unavailable until the scheduled upgrade is complete. Please refrain from uploading files in the Production environment during the outage. Files uploaded during the outage will generate an error and users will have to reupload those files once the Production environment is available.

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