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MEMORANDUM FOR: SEVP CERTIFIED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

FROM: Susan Geary /s/  
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Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)

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SUBJECT: Recertification Update

The Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002, requires schools participating in the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) to recertify every two years. The proposed final rule is pending review within the Department of Homeland Security and once SEVP publishes the rule, the public will have an opportunity to comment, before the rule becomes final. Recertification cannot begin until the rule is final and is published.

Schools that are due, or past due to recertify, will retain full access to the SEVIS system, as long as they remain in good standing with SEVP. Once the final rule is published, information will be available on our website ([www.ice.gov/sevis](http://www.ice.gov/sevis)) and SEVP will notify all affected schools.

Check our website for any information regarding the SEVP program. SEVP continues to add valuable information on a regular basis. This memo will remain in effect until the final rule is published, which we anticipate will be sometime in 2007.