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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: SEVIS CERTIFIED ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

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

SUBJECT: School Recertification through December 2004

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. Your institution has been identified as requiring recertification in October, November, or December of this year. This memo serves as the beginning of your recertification process. SEVP is drafting an interim regulation to address recertification. We anticipate that we will publish the rule in December. We cannot begin the full recertification process until the rule is published.

Schools approved for original certification between the dates of September 26 and December 31, 2002, would have begun the recertification process in this month.¹ However, SEVP will extend your current SEVIS certification until such time that we begin the full recertification process. We will publish recertification information on our website (www.ice.gov/sevis) and notify all affected schools once the interim rule is published.

While we are waiting for the interim rule to be published, you will not experience any lapse in SEVIS access. Your school will continue to have full SEVIS access, including the ability to issue Forms I-20. If you have any questions, please contact the SEVP School Certification Branch on (202) 305-2346, or email at schoolcert.sevis@dhs.gov.

If you believe you have received this notification in error, please contact the School Certification Branch to confirm your certification expiration date.

¹ This excludes schools approved to participate under Preliminary Enrollment.