Broadcast Message: SEVIS Notice – SEVIS Release 6.69

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 6.69 on Friday, June 16, 2023. With this release, updates to the following Form I-17 fields will no longer lock the Form I-17 or require adjudication:

- Section 1: [School] Contact Information.
  - 1.4 Mailing Address of the School,
  - 1.5 Telephone Number,
  - 1.6 Fax Number, and
  - 1.10 [Private School] Owner’s Address.

- Section 4: School Calendar, Costs, and Demographics.
  - 4.4 Average Annual Number of Classes,
  - 4.5 Average Annual Number of Students,
  - 4.6 Average Annual Number Teachers or Instructors, and
  - 4.7 Average Annual Number of Non-Teaching Employees.

- Section 5: Campuses and Instructional Sites.
  - 5.4 [Campus] Mailing Address, and
  - 5.6 [Campus] Telephone Number.

This release will also fix the following issues:

- Stop system cancellation of optional practical training when transfer-out, transfer release date and transfer-in occur on the same day.

- Stop printing 69 pages when using browser print functionality on the Student Information page or the School Information page.

Additional information about this release is available in the SEVIS Release 6.69 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, June 16, 2023, at 8 p.m. EDT to Saturday, June 17, 2023, at 12 a.m. EDT.
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. EDT, 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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