

To: All SEVIS Users

Date: Nov. 10, 2016

Re: Broadcast Message Recap (Oct. 21-Nov. 10, 2016)

Number: 1611-03

General Information

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Starting on May 16, 2016, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) changed the Broadcast Message distribution process to reduce the influx of messages Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) users receive via email on a monthly basis.

SEVP only sends emergency, time sensitive and Batch-related messages via email. All other messages are posted to the SEVIS message board and to the Broadcast Message archive page for SEVIS users to view at their discretion. To locate the Broadcast Message archive page, please visit ICE.gov's [What's New](#) page and click on the Broadcast Message tab in the gray header section.

Below is a list and brief description of the latest non-emergency messages posted to the SEVIS message board from (Oct. 21-Nov. 10, 2016). Please be sure to check the message board to review each message in more detail.

- **Interim Final and Final Policy Guidance Documents Released** – On Oct. 28, 2016, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) released the following policy guidance documents: “Interim Final SEVP Policy Guidance S1.2: Evidentiary Requirements for Schools Not Meeting Eligibility Criteria in 8 CFR 214.3(b) and (c),” as well as “Final SEVP Policy Guidance S7.2: Pathway Programs for Reasons of English Proficiency.”
- **Upcoming PDSO/DSO and RO/ARO Annual Verification**– The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will conduct its next annual verification beginning Dec. 2, 2016, and ending March 2, 2017. PDSOs and ROs will have 90 days to review and provide verification for all of their officials.

Note: Schools and school officials are responsible for information contained in messages from SEVP and the U.S. Department of State, regardless of whether the information is sent via email or posted directly to the message board.

SEVP will provide updates in the coming months about additional improvements made to the broadcast message functionality in SEVIS.

If you have questions, please contact the SEVP Response Center at 703-603-3400 or 800-892-4829, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except holidays and Wednesdays from 12:50 to 1:20 p.m. ET.

Comments

To comment on this broadcast message, please email SEVP@ice.dhs.gov with “Broadcast Message 1611-03 Comment” entered in the subject line.

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