

**To:** All SEVIS Users

**Date:** Dec. 16, 2016

**Re:** SEVIS NOTICE – SEVIS Release 6.31 Production Implementation

**Number:** 1612-09

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## **General Information**

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will upgrade the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) to Release 6.31. Attached for reference is the SEVIS Release 6.31 Final System Changes, which outlines the system changes that this release will implement. This upgrade requires an outage of both the Production and Alpha and Beta test environments. See below for the outage details:

- The SEVIS Production and Alpha and Beta test environments will NOT be available from Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016, at 12 a.m. EST to Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016 at 10 a.m. EST

During the outage, users will not have access to either the SEVIS Production or Alpha and Beta test environments. SEVP will not send a follow-up email regarding system availability. Continue to monitor the SEVP Broadcast Messages and SEVIS message board for additional information regarding this outage.

If you have questions regarding any of the changes described in the attached notice, 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 on Wednesdays from 12:50 to 1:20 p.m. ET and 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 SEVIS Production and Alpha and Beta test environments during the outage. Files uploaded during the outage will receive an error and users will have to re-upload those files once the SEVIS Production and Alpha and Beta test environments are available.

## **Comments**

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