**Broadcast Message: SEVIS Notice – SEVIS Release 6.77** 

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 6.77 on Friday, May 24, 2024.

For F and M school officials, this release will remove the School Withdrawn option from the **Termination Reason** drop-down list on the F-1 and M-1 student's *Correction Request: Termination Reason* page for the principal designated school officials (PDSOs) and designated school officials (DSOs).

This release will fix the following known issues:

- When a PDSO makes multiple edits to the Form I-17 school officials, the Event History will capture the correct events and changes.
- SEVIS will send correct information to SEVP Portal when updating, adding and deleting student details.
- Mass registration will allow DSOs to register up to 1,000 SEVIS records at a time.
- The PDSO or DSO will see the Termination Reason Change in the correct order in the student Event History with the correct data.
- The DSO student record **Submit** button will be disabled after one click to prevent accidental multiple record submissions.

For J-1 program sponsors, this release will also contain the following updates:

- 'Address Added' event will display if a U.S. Address was added during the creation process.
- 'U.S. Phone Number Added' or 'U.S. Phone Number Updated' event will display when the U.S. Phone Number is added or updated.
- For Au Pairs: Ability to select 6, 9, or 12-month options when submitting an Extension Beyond Maximum Duration of Participation.

Information about this release is available in the <u>SEVIS Release 6.77 Planning Guide</u>, located on the <u>SEVIS Enhancements</u> page in the <u>SEVIS Help Hub</u>.

The SEVIS Production environment and SEVIS Batch will NOT be available from Friday, May 24, 2024, at 8 p.m. EDT to Saturday, May 25, 2024, 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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