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SEVIS 6.29 Pre-Release Webinar

September 16, 2016

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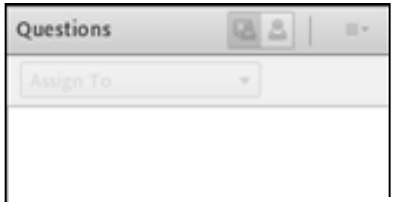

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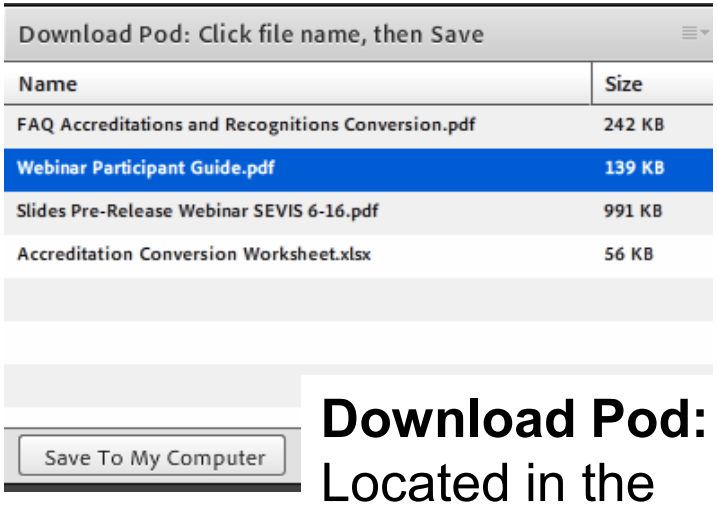

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- SEVIS Release 6.29 Planning Guide

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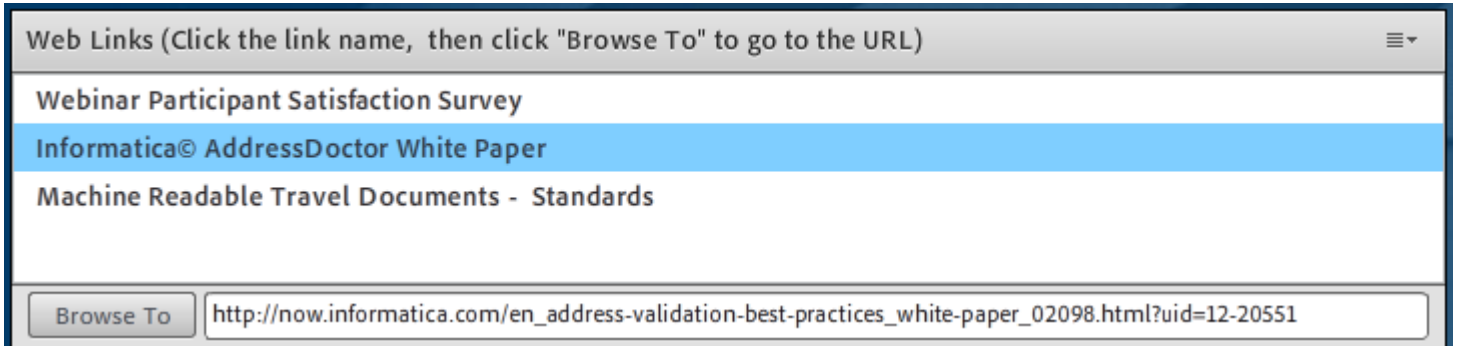

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WEBINAR INTRODUCTION

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Agenda

- SEVIS Release 6.29 Overview
- Changes in J SEVIS:
  - Alerts and Lists
  - Change J-2 Status to Invalid
- Broadcast Messages (All SEVIS users)
- Changes in F/M SEVIS:
  - School Event History
  - Form I-17 Workflow Improvements (not covered in the Form I-17 Webinar on September 9, 2016):
    - View draft changes prior to submission
    - Recertification

Agenda (cont'd)

- Known Issues with Release 6.29
- Future Webinars
- Resources
- Q&A

Webinar Q&A Request

Please limit questions to functionality discussed during this webinar. We are unable to address case-specific questions.

SEVIS RELEASE 6.29

OVERVIEW

Release Schedule

- **Date:** Friday, September 30, 2016
- **Time:** 8 PM (ET)
- **Duration:** Currently, SEVP expects the outage to last twenty-four hours (approximately)

Caution: Batch Users – Schools and sponsors that use third-party software to push data to SEVIS must plan their batch uploads carefully.

Functionality Changes in SEVIS Release 6.29

- Improvements to the Form I-17 Workflow
  - Better organization of data fields
  - Validations on certain fields to improve accuracy
  - Quicker navigation to specific pages
  - Ability to upload supporting documentation
- Improvements to Management of F/M Correction Requests
  - Correction Request Management Page
  - Validations on certain data fields to improve accuracy
  - Ability to upload supporting documentation
- Broadcast Message Archive
- Changes to J Alerts and Lists
- Ability to change status of J-2 to Invalid

SEVIS 6.29 Release Webinar Resources

Webinar	Date
Form I-17 Workflow	September 9, 2016
Correction Requests	September 16, 2016

- See SEVIS Help Hub Webinars page for details
- https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/sevis-help-hub/learn-more/webinars

CHANGES AFFECTING J SEVIS USERS ONLY

Changes to EV Lists and Alerts

- Based on sponsor official feedback, updates were made to some lists and alerts
- Additional columns added to the following lists:
  - All Exchange Visitors and Dependents
  - Saved Exchange Visitors and Dependents
  - Initial Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents
  - Transfer In Exchange Visitors and Dependents
  - Inactive Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents
  - No Show Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents

Changes to EV Lists and Alerts

- Additional fields added to the export of the following lists:
  - Initial Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents
  - Active Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents
- Updated the following alerts:
  - Exchange Visitors Requiring Validation
    - Added fields to the export
  - Exchange Visitors Nearing the Program End Date in 60 Days or Less
    - Updated fields on the screen and added fields to the export

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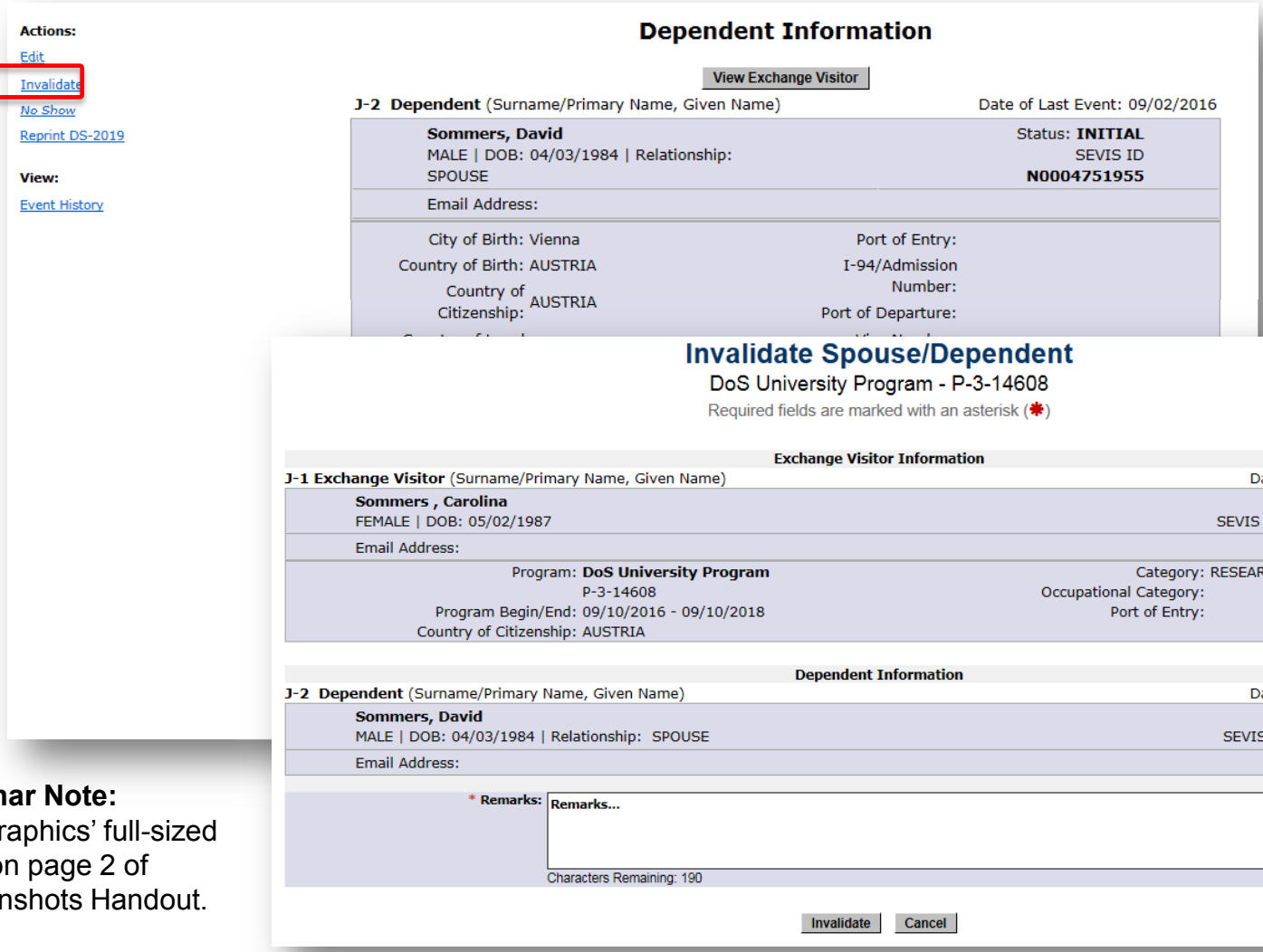
Change J-2 to Invalid Status



Invalidate action available when J-2 Status is Initial, Active, or No Show

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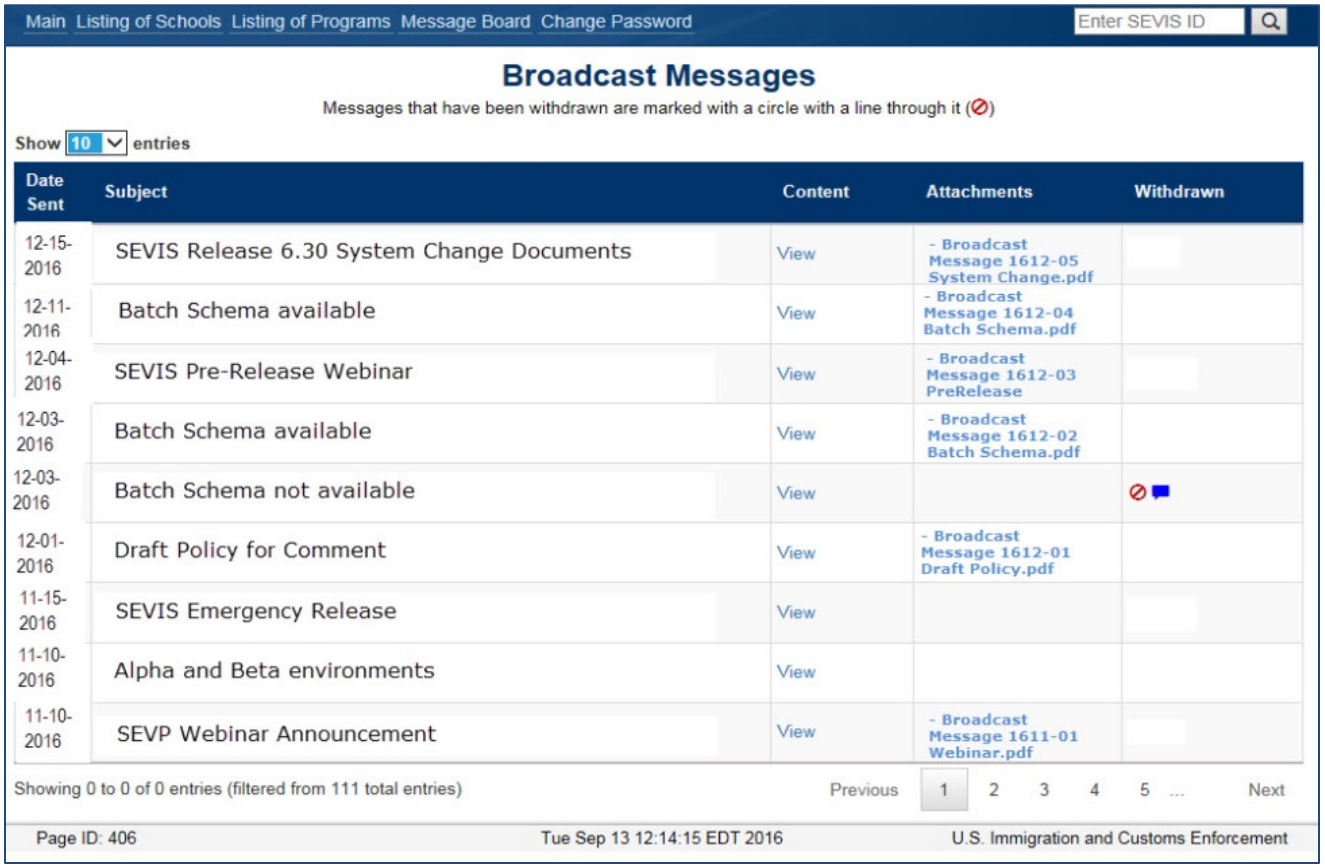
CHANGES AFFECTING ALL SEVIS USERS

Broadcast Messages/Message Board



Main | Listing of Schools | Listing of Programs | Message Board | Change Password — Enter SEVIS ID

Broadcast Messages

Messages that have been withdrawn are marked with a circle with a line through it (⊘)

Show 10 entries

Date Sent	Subject	Content	Attachments	Withdrawn
12-15-2016	SEVIS Release 6.30 System Change Documents	View	- Broadcast Message 1612-05 System Change.pdf	
12-11-2016	Batch Schema available	View	- Broadcast Message 1612-04 Batch Schema.pdf	
12-04-2016	SEVIS Pre-Release Webinar	View	- Broadcast Message 1612-03 PreRelease	
12-03-2016	Batch Schema available	View	- Broadcast Message 1612-02 Batch Schema.pdf	
12-03-2016	Batch Schema not available	View		⊘
12-01-2016	Draft Policy for Comment	View	- Broadcast Message 1612-01 Draft Policy.pdf	
11-15-2016	SEVIS Emergency Release	View		
11-10-2016	Alpha and Beta environments	View		
11-10-2016	SEVP Webinar Announcement	View	- Broadcast Message 1611-01 Webinar.pdf	

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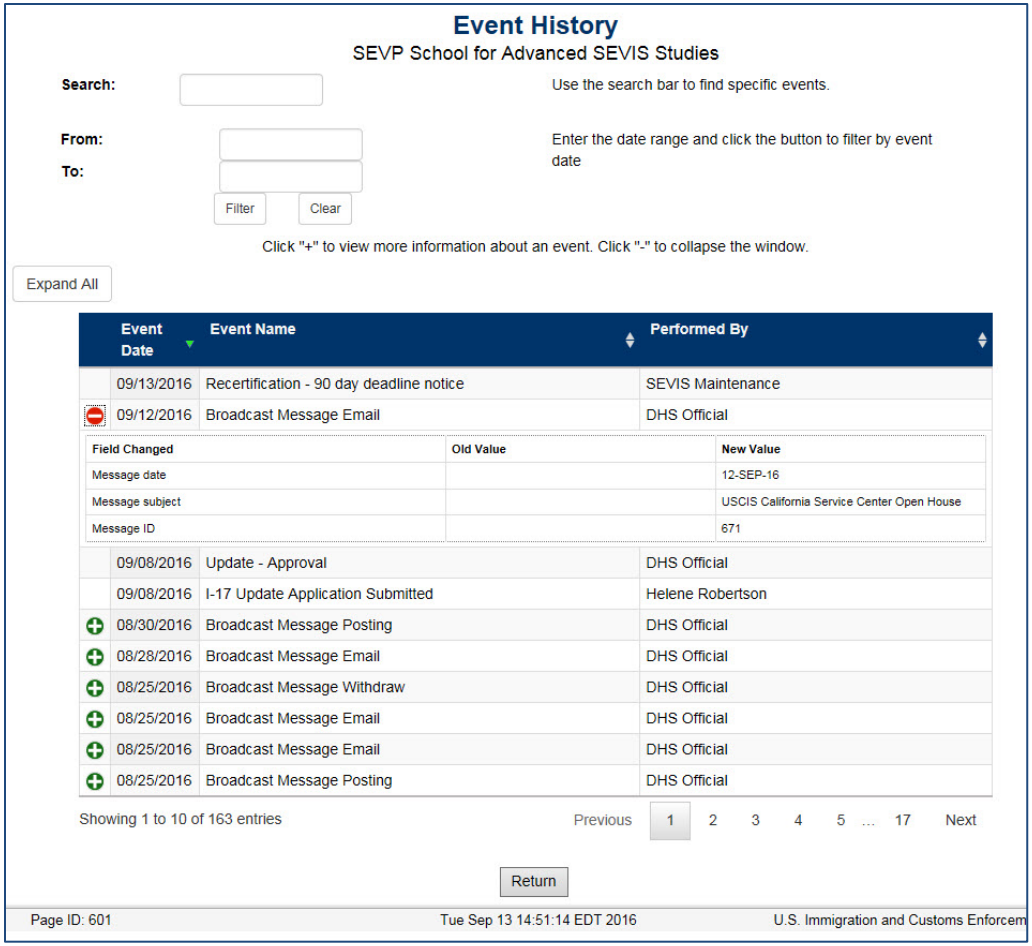
- Two-year archive available on the SEVIS Message Board
- Can change how many display on page (10, 25, 50, 100)

CHANGES AFFECTING F/M SEVIS USERS ONLY

School Event History



Event History

SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies

Search: Use the search bar to find specific events.

From: **To:** Enter the date range and click the button to filter by event date

Filter Clear

Click "+" to view more information about an event. Click "-" to collapse the window.

Expand All

Event Date	Event Name	Performed By
09/13/2016	Recertification - 90 day deadline notice	SEVIS Maintenance
09/12/2016	Broadcast Message Email	DHS Official

Field Changed	Old Value	New Value
Message date		12-SEP-16
Message subject		USCIS California Service Center Open House
Message ID		671

09/08/2016	Update - Approval	DHS Official
09/08/2016	I-17 Update Application Submitted	Helene Robertson
08/30/2016	Broadcast Message Posting	DHS Official
08/28/2016	Broadcast Message Email	DHS Official
08/25/2016	Broadcast Message Withdraw	DHS Official
08/25/2016	Broadcast Message Email	DHS Official
08/25/2016	Broadcast Message Email	DHS Official
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- Changed look – similar to student Event History
- Searchable, filterable, sortable
- For some events, can expand and see before and after values

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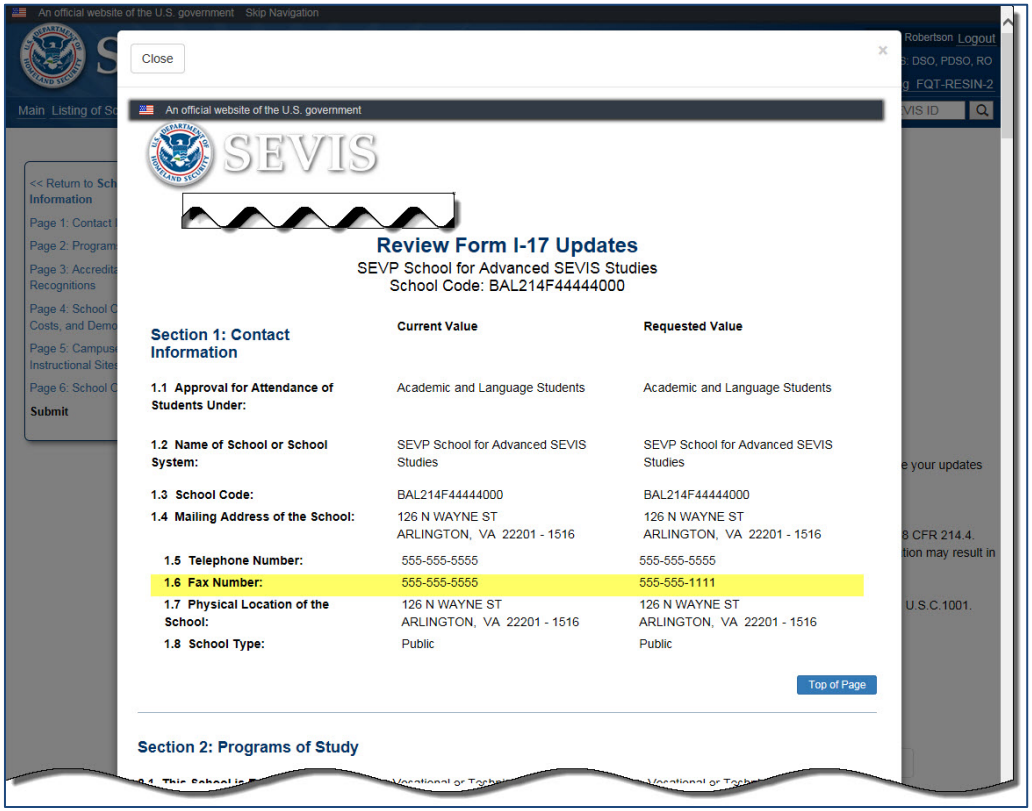
View Draft I-17 Update Prior to Submit



- Same look as the revised Form I-17
- Changed elements are highlighted

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Recertification Notice

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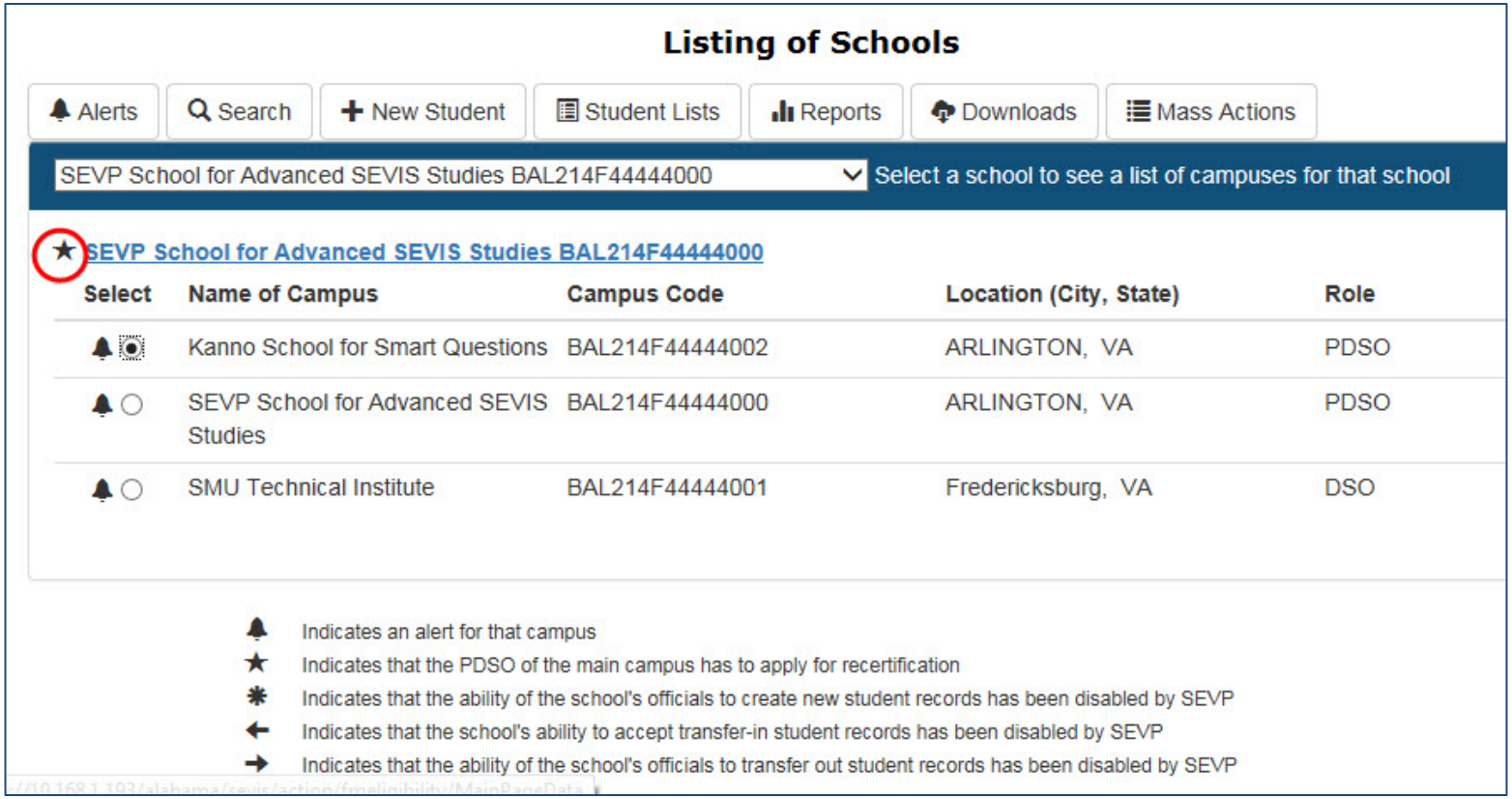
Recertification Flag



- Star indicates need for Recertification

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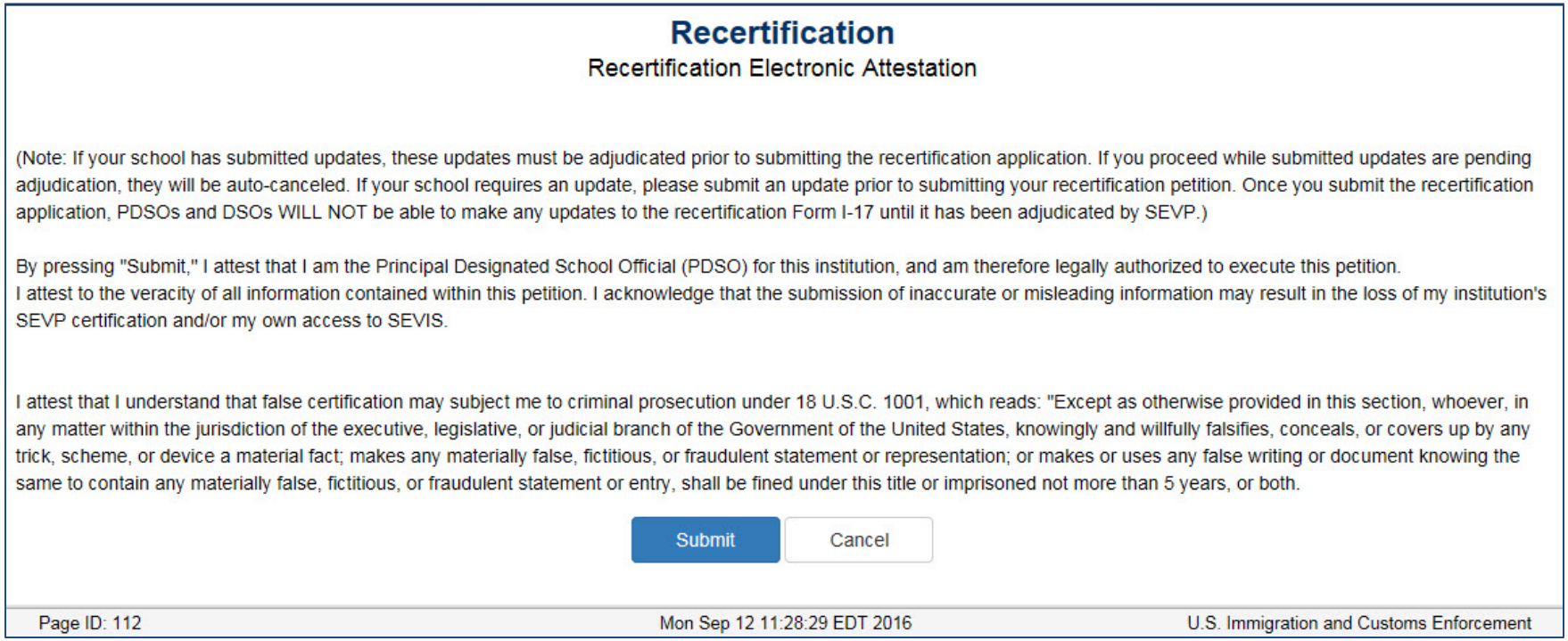
Recertification Flag



Recertification

Recertification Electronic Attestation

(Note: If your school has submitted updates, these updates must be adjudicated prior to submitting the recertification application. If you proceed while submitted updates are pending adjudication, they will be auto-canceled. If your school requires an update, please submit an update prior to submitting your recertification petition. Once you submit the recertification application, PDSOs and DSOs WILL NOT be able to make any updates to the recertification Form I-17 until it has been adjudicated by SEVP.)

By pressing "Submit," I attest that I am the Principal Designated School Official (PDSO) for this institution, and am therefore legally authorized to execute this petition.
I attest to the veracity of all information contained within this petition. I acknowledge that the submission of inaccurate or misleading information may result in the loss of my institution's SEVP certification and/or my own access to SEVIS.

I attest that I understand that false certification may subject me to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001, which reads: "Except as otherwise provided in this section, whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of the United States, knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact; makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

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FORM I-17 EXPECTATIONS

Expectations

- New processes are usually difficult in the beginning, but benefits of the new Form I-17 are great:
  - Better security
  - Increased efficiency
  - Decreased time worked
  - Better history in SEVIS
- Short-term delays in adjudication
- SEVP does not expect longer processing times

Form I-17 Supporting Documents

- SEVP is changing how Form I-17 petitions and updates are processed
- Submit supporting documents at time of filing
- Details can be found: https://www.ice.gov/sevis/operating-instructions

KNOWN ISSUES WITH SEVIS RELEASE 6.29

Known Issues

- Upload functionality is not available to school users with this release, but can be switched on as soon as certain technical issues are resolved.
- Developers are working to resolve issues found during testing. SEVP will distribute a list of known issues, that could not be resolved prior to the release.

FUTURE WEBINARS

Future SEVIS Webinars

Date	Topic
October 14, 2016	SEVIS 6.29 Post-Release
December 2, 2016	SEVIS 6.30 Pre-Release

RESOURCES

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Planned Release Resources

User Guides

- Initial Certification
- Update Form I-17 Overview
- Update School Contact Information
- Update Programs of Study
- Update Accreditations and Recognitions (revision)
- Update Calendar, Costs, and Demographics
- Add, Edit, or Delete Campus
- Manage School Officials (revision)
- Recertification
- View School Event History
- View Pending Form I-17 Certifications or Updates

User Guides

- Correction Request Overview (revision)
- Correct Program Dates (revision)
- Correct Termination Reasons (revision)
- Correct Student Status (revision)
- Correct USCIS Requests (revision)
- Broadcast Messages (planned)
- Upload Evidence (delayed)

Note: Resources will be available on the Help Hub 6.29 Release Planning Guide page by September 30th.

Planned Release Resources

Job Aids

- Manage School Officials (revision)
- List of Degrees Available

Webinars

- **Form I-17 Workflow**
- Correction Requests
- SEVIS 6.29 Pre-Release

Other

- **SEVIS Release 6.29 Planning Guide**

Note: Items in **bold** are currently available on the SEVIS Help Hub. Non-bolded items are still in development.

Study in the States Website URLs

- SEVIS Help Hub
  - http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/sevis-help-hub
- SEVIS Enhancements page
  - https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/sevis-help-hub/learn-more/sevis-enhancements
- SEVIS Webinars page
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- SEVP Stakeholder Webinars page
  - http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/webinars

Other Resources

- SEVIS Email
  - SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov
- SEVP Response Center
  - SEVP@ice.dhs.gov
- SEVIS Batch Email
  - SEVIS.Batch@ice.dhs.gov
- Department of State Email
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