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2/4/2021

Dear High School Administrator,

On December 31, 2020, President Trump signed a proclamation suspending entry into the United States of certain immigrants and nonimmigrants who continue present a risk to the U.S. labor market following the coronavirus outbreak. This proclamation extends Presidential Proclamations (P.P.) 10014 and 10052 through March 31, 2021. As a matter of clarification, the J-1 Secondary School Student Program (and students entering the U.S. on a non-immigrant F-1 visa) are *not* included in (P.P) 10014 or 10052. For the foreseeable future, J-1 secondary school students and F-1 students remain eligible for entry into the US for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Relative to U.S. Department of State guidance, J-1 Exchange Visitor Programs (EVP) are privately funded and are administered separately from the federally funded Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) programs. The current restriction on ECA students does not apply to EVP students. The Department of State has not canceled the Secondary Student EVP. Students are permitted to arrive in accordance with local and federal regulations as they pertain to COVID-19.

Please know that CSIET's certified J-1 and F-1 programs may contact you individually regarding the student enrollment for the 2020-2021 academic year. If you have questions or concerns, I encourage you to reach out directly to them or me.

Sincerely,

Chris Page, CSIET Executive Director