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Dear Colleagues,

I want to inform you of a serious development affecting a few of our international students. Over the past several days, three Cerritos College students received notification that their SEVIS immigration records were terminated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The reason provided is a general one—"otherwise failing to maintain status"—which, in these cases, appears to be related to visa revocation or identification in a federal records check.

At this time, we do not have access to specific information regarding the basis for these terminations. However, the consequences for the affected students are significant, including the loss of lawful immigration status and potential risk of detention or deportation. Our International Student Services team is working directly with these students to offer support and connect them with trusted immigration attorneys.

This development appears to align with recent national news reports about a broader federal effort to review student visa holders in connection with national security concerns. While we cannot confirm a direct connection, the timing suggests it may be related. We understand how unsettling this news may be to many members of our campus community—particularly our international students. Please know that Cerritos College remains committed to supporting every student in their pursuit of education and personal growth, regardless of where they come from. We will continue to monitor this situation closely and provide updates as we learn more.

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