



January 31, 2022

The Honorable Governor Pete Ricketts
State Capitol, 2nd Floor N.E.
Lincoln NE 68509

Mr. Patrick O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln NE 68509

RE: Lawful Presence in the U.S. Annual Report

Dear Governor Ricketts and Mr. O'Donnell:

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 4-113, from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, the Nebraska Department of Education processed 17,600 applicants for benefits and no applicants were rejected for failure to demonstrate lawful presence in the United States.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Brian Halstead at (402) 471-0732.

Sincerely,

Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.
Commissioner of Education