

PWR News – April Special Edition

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FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENT

SB25-315 Sustain Fund Feedback – Due April 20

The State Board of Education (SBE) has been discussing the Administration of PWR Sustain Funding over the last few months, most recently at the [April SBE meeting](#). Created through [Senate Bill 25-315](#), this fund will help local education providers sustain or expand programs that help students earn “The Big Three”: postsecondary credit, industry-recognized credentials, and work-based learning experiences. The proposed rules outline how funding will be distributed equitably based on The Big Three student outcomes, set eligibility criteria, and define allowable expenses.

CDE is hosting facilitated Zoom discussions to gather public feedback on [the next draft of the Sustain Fund rules](#), which can be found on [The Big Three SB25-315 Implementation webpage](#). *These sessions follow the April 2026 SBE meeting, where additional edits were requested.*

Zoom participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide input on specific areas focused on:

- Adding student eligibility, student outcomes, and expenses monitoring language
- Use of student population data to inform funding limits for local education providers
- Potential additions to eligible postsecondary credit outcomes
- Clarification of how Sustain payouts are calculated and how funding flows to authorizers and charter schools
- Calling out Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (PTECH) specifically so it is clear that PTECH student outcomes earned are eligible for Sustain funding

Join us at one of the following sessions:

- [April 16, 2-3 p.m.](#)
- [April 17, 3-4 p.m.](#)
- [April 20, 8-9 a.m.](#)

Resources:

- [Draft Sustain Rules](#) are posted on CDE's [Big Three Implementation webpage](#).

- Materials from the Sustain Rules rulemaking hearing at the April State Board of Education meeting are [available on BoardDocs](#).
 - Additional feedback can be sent to the State Board of Education through the usual public comment process; email the SBE at state.board@cde.state.co.us. **Please submit by April 20** so the feedback can be included in the next round of revisions that will go to the SBE for a discussion and vote at the May 2026 meeting.
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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduation Guidelines

Digital SAT Math Score Update

On Thursday, April 9, 2026, the SBE approved an extension of the minimum score of 480 in math on Digital SAT through 2026-27. Read more on the updated [SAT math score webpage](#).

Other Updates

The SBE also approved the removal of the Classic Accuplacer from the Graduation Guidelines Menu since it is no longer available.

These changes are reflected in the updated [Menu of Options](#). The Spanish Menu will also be updated soon.

Questions? Contact [Dr. Arlisha Lawson-Watford](#)

Industry-Recognized Credentials (IRC)

2027-28 LoQC Submissions Open

The [2027-28 LoQC \(List of Qualified Credentials\) Additions Form](#) will be open from **April 13 through August 31** for submissions to be reviewed for the SB25-315 funded list of qualified credentials. Submissions must be made by a school district (not a credential provider). Note, the 2026-27 List has already been finalized; this submission is for 2027-28 credentials.

Questions? Contact [Heather Crabtree](#)

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