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Two Jackpots Combine for Nearly \$1.6 Billion California's Public Schools Benefit from Huge Jackpots

SACRAMENTO – The *Mega Millions*® jackpot is \$865 million and the *Powerball*® jackpot is \$730 million, leading to a combined estimate of \$1.595 billion.

These jackpots are helping us maximize the CA Lottery's mission – to provide supplemental funding for public education in California. A percentage of every single ticket sold for these jackpots contributes to California public schools. As of this morning, the entire current jackpot run for *Mega Millions* has generated an estimated contribution to education of nearly \$87 million. The estimated contribution to education as a result of *Powerball* sales is up to \$75 million. That's more than \$160 million for public education combined between the two games from this rolling sequence that started in September and counting.

The CA Lottery reminds players planning to participate in the draw games to play it safe by only purchasing tickets during essential shopping trips and following all public health guidelines. We also recommend that players maximize their safety by minimizing their trips to the store by using resources such as the [California Lottery® mobile app](#) to check if their ticket is a winner. Players can also minimize their trips to the store by using the *Advance Play*® feature, allowing players to play multiple draws in advance by simply marking the *Advance Play* box or asking for it upon purchase.

Mega Millions draws are Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. PT. **Sales close at 7:45 p.m., so players must buy their tickets by then to qualify for this evening's draw.**

Powerball draws happen Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7:59 p.m. PT. **Sales close at 7 p.m. for this game, so players must buy their tickets by then to qualify for the draw.**

The California Lottery has more than 23,000 retail partners, most of which are essential businesses and still open in accordance with state and local public health guidelines. Please visit the California Lottery [website](#) for more information.

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The California Lottery's mission is to provide supplemental funding to California public schools, including kindergarten and grades 1-12, community colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and other California public educational entities. The funds the Lottery transfers to public education total approximately \$1.8 billion for fiscal year 2018-19, which amounts to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely non-discretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period the Lottery generated almost \$7 billion in sales, more than 95% of which goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. The California Lottery urges its customers to play responsibly. Problem gambling resources are available to anyone at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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