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### ***More Than \$500 Million up for Grabs for Tonight's Powerball®!***

**SACRAMENTO** – For the second time in less than a week, there's a chance a lucky California Lottery player could possibly take home a humongous jackpot of about a half-billion dollars! Tonight's Powerball jackpot has increased to an estimated **\$508 million**.

The last time the Powerball jackpot was this high was back on January 5<sup>th</sup> when another California Lottery player split the massive **\$632.6 million** jackpot with a winner in Green Bay, WI. Last Friday, someone who bought a Mega Millions® ticket in San Jose hit a jackpot of \$502 million, splitting that prize with someone else who bought their ticket in Florida.

The following are some Powerball fast facts for tonight's draw:

- The lump sum amount for anyone who wins tonight is an estimated \$256.3 million.
- The current jackpot has been rolling since a player in Pennsylvania won the **\$206.9 million** jackpot on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The largest jackpot in Powerball history is \$1.586 billion. Three lucky players in California, Florida and Tennessee split what still stands at the largest jackpot in U.S. lottery history. The drawing took place on January 13, 2016.

The deadline to buy Powerball tickets for tonight's draw is 7 p.m. The draw happens at 7:59 p.m. PT in Tallahassee, FL.

California Lottery ticket sales help benefit public education in our state.

The Lottery's website features [this map](#) to see how much money local schools have received from Lottery funds.

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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 transferred to public education totaled*

*more than \$1.88 billion for fiscal year 2020-21, which amounted to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely 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 \$8.4 billion in sales, more than 95% of which went back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. As the jackpots continue to grow, the California Lottery would also like to remind players to play responsibly and within their budgets. If you feel you have a gambling problem or know someone who does, you can get free confidential help by calling the California Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-GAMBLER.*

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