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### **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: CALIFORNIA LOTTERY DEBUTS NEW VIDEO SHOWCASING LOTTERY FUNDS IN ACTION IN THE BAY AREA**

**SACRAMENTO** – The California Lottery unveiled a [new video](#) this week, highlighting some of the ways Mt. Diablo Unified School District in Contra Costa County leverages its funding raised by the Lottery. The video first debuted Thursday at the Lottery Commission’s public meeting in Sacramento as well as on the Lottery’s [Twitter news feed](#).

“It’s our goal to help show Californians not just how much money we raise for public education, but also where it goes and how it’s actually spent,” said Carolyn Becker, California Lottery spokesperson. “Pleasant Hill Middle School welcomed us with open arms, and we are so thankful for their help in allowing us to showcase the materials Lottery dollars are paying for there and really humanize the reason the Lottery exists in the first place.”

The video also features a number of Pleasant Hill Middle School teachers and students, as well as Superintendent Dr. Adam Clark.

“What the Lottery funds do, in some cases, is that it allows us to buy the bells and whistles that go with those different programs that the students actually find more engaging than the basic program itself,” said Dr. Clark in the video. “They’re not there to replace the whole funding system, but it’s there just to add a little extra support where needed.”

Lottery funding is largely discretionary for the state’s roughly 1,000 school districts. Anyone can see how much Lottery money local districts across California receive with the interactive map tool on our [website](#).

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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 \$1.8 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*

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