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### ***The California Lottery Is Back at the Orange County Fair to Help Raise Money for Schools***

**SACRAMENTO** – The California Lottery is back at the Orange County Fair this summer. With the opportunity to win big prizes and make a positive impact on California Public education, fairgoers are in for a thrilling ride.



Visitors can stop by the *CA Lottery Live!* booth to try their luck with an extensive selection of Lottery games, including the latest Scratchers® and big billion-dollar jackpot games everyone has been buzzing about. That includes a chance at tonight's *MegaMillions*® jackpot, which is now estimated to be \$1.35 billion. Players at the fair can also spin the California Lottery wheel for a chance to win promotional prizes.

The booth is designed to create awareness about the California Lottery in a fun and interactive way while maximizing the funds raised for public schools across the state, which is the Lottery's mission.

Since its start in 1985, the California Lottery has contributed a total of \$3.3 billion to public schools in Orange County. To see a breakdown of all Lottery funding at the county or school district level, people can visit the [Lottery's website and access this interactive map](#).

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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 approximately \$2 billion for fiscal year 2021-22, 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 more than \$8.8 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 jackpots rise, the California Lottery would like to remind players that gambling should be fun. Borrowing money to play, spending above a person's budget, or using money intended for other purposes can ultimately lead to significant problems for players and their families. If a player recognizes that they have a gambling problem or if someone knows of someone who may have a problem, the Lottery recommends calling the California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER.*

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