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Two California Lottery Players Win Over \$2 Million Playing Powerball®!

SACRAMENTO – As the recent wave of large jackpots swept the country, two lucky California Lottery players won pretty nice second-place prizes playing Powerball.

While he didn't win the big jackpot, Steve Bisset took home \$1,120,390 on a Powerball ticket for a draw in early November. That ticket, which matched five of six numbers, was purchased at Susanville Supermarket on Grand Avenue in Susanville (Lassen County).

Another player who cashed in on Powerball fever is Ariana Rosas. She won \$1,044,212 on a Powerball ticket matching five of six numbers. That ticket was for a draw from early November as well, and it was purchased at Eastland Food Market on East G Street in Ontario (San Bernardino County).

The year has got off to an excellent start for California public education. Through the month of January 2022, the California Lottery earned an estimated \$230 million for public schools. That figure includes Scratchers® and draw games like Powerball and Mega Millions®.

Just last week, California Lottery revealed it expects to have generated a record \$2 billion for public education – the most in a single year – for fiscal year 2021- '22, once the standard auditing process is complete.



(Images of Susanville Supermarket in Susanville and Eastland Food Market in Ontario.)

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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. 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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