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## More Than \$1.13 Billion Up for Grabs in This Weekend's Lottery Draws

\$149.5 Million Raised for CA Public Schools from These Three Jackpots Combined

**SACRAMENTO** – This weekend the California Lottery has THREE big jackpots up for grabs, totaling \$1.13 billion in all!

When jackpots climb, excitement climbs as well. And no matter if a Californian wins a jackpot or not, the Lottery's beneficiary, California public education, has already won. These three jackpots have already raised nearly \$150 million for California's public schools.

Tonight's estimated jackpot for the twice-weekly Mega Millions draw has climbed to an estimated \$450 million and has raised nearly \$33 million for California public schools from this jackpot that started rolling on April 21. Mega Millions tickets are \$2 each and the draws happen on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:00 p.m. Odds of winning the jackpot are 1 in 302.5 million, and the odds of winning any prize are 1 in 24.

Saturday night's Powerball jackpot is estimated at \$615 million and has raised \$42.6 million for California public schools so far from this jackpot that began rolling on April 22. Powerball tickets are also \$2 each and the draws happen on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7:59 p.m. Odds of winning the jackpot are 1 in 292.2 million, and the odds of winning any prize are 1 in 24.8.

And finally, California's very own SuperLotto Plus has a jackpot for Saturday night's draw estimated at \$74 million and has already contributed \$74 million for California public schools from this jackpot that was last hit in November, 2022. SuperLotto Plus tickets are \$1 each and the draws happen on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7:59 p.m. Odds of winning the jackpot are 1 in 41 million, and the odds of winning any prize are 1 in 23.

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 set aside for other things can 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.

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 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.

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