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### ***Three Big Jackpots Offer More Than \$1.5 Billion in Total Prize Money***

***\$172.5 Million Raised for CA Public Schools From These Three Jackpots Combined***

**SACRAMENTO** – This may prove to be a winning weekend as California Lottery players have a chance to win big bucks thanks to three growing jackpots. There's a trifecta of riches up for grabs this weekend, as the jackpots for the biggest draw games offered in the Golden State continue to rise.

The *Mega Millions*® jackpot is an estimated \$560 million for tonight's draw, making it the seventh largest *Mega Millions* jackpot ever. That's only part of the story. *Mega Millions* sales alone have raised nearly \$40.3 million for California public schools since this jackpot started rolling nearly three months ago.

*Mega Millions* isn't the only game fueling the fun. Saturday night's *Powerball*® jackpot is now estimated at \$875 million. That drawing will be the 37<sup>th</sup> in the jackpot sequence. California's own *SuperLotto Plus*® is also higher than usual, at \$76 million for tomorrow night's draw; the last time it was this high was nearly four years ago.

"Lottery players are used to the excitement when a jackpot creeps up toward a billion dollars, and right now, this is triple the fun," said Carolyn Becker, California Lottery spokesperson. "In fact, that's one of the factors driving these top prizes. Each game sees a sales boost when competing jackpots climb; it's common for players to buy tickets for all of them when one or more jackpots get this high, and to have all three up there is a win-win-win. Even more excitingly, here in California, schools are benefitting big time because nearly half of every draw ticket purchased goes toward helping fund public education."

For tonight's game, *Mega Millions* tickets are \$2 each. Players can buy them safely in person at one of California Lottery's more than [23,000 partner retail locations](#). Players are urged to sign the back of their tickets at the time of purchase and keep them in a safe place.

California Lottery also wants to remind the public that playing Lottery 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.

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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 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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