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CA Lottery Makes Changes to Hot Spot® Game, Aiming to Help Both Players and Public Schools Win Bigger

SACRAMENTO – The California Lottery has unveiled brand-new changes to its *Hot Spot* draw game, giving players the chance to win bigger prizes and maximizing the Lottery’s opportunity to raise additional revenue for public education in line with its [mission](#).

The prize structure for [Hot Spot](#), which is drawn every four minutes every day between 6am and 2am, was adjusted over the weekend to include bigger prizes on more Bulls-eye spots, while also redistributing the overall prize money to achieve parity among the winning spots and corresponding prize payouts. The Bulls-eye feature is an optional extra wager for *Hot Spot* players.

This game enhancement is designed not only to offer players a chance at a larger prize, but also to incentivize players to add the Bulls-eye, allowing California Lottery to raise more money for schools.

“The sole mission of the California Lottery is to generate additional dollars for public schools across the state,” said Carolyn Becker, California Lottery spokesperson. “Our mission is at the core of every decision we make, and it’s because of our mission that we’re continually evaluating our business, the games and prizes we offer, and the ways in which we can raise even more money for education.”

The California Lottery recently announced [record earnings for public schools](#), for the first time generating more than \$2 billion for education in a single fiscal year.

Hot Spot and all other California Lottery games are sold in [23,000 retail locations](#) across the state. A breakdown of how to play *Hot Spot*, as well as the rules and odds, can be found on the California Lottery website [here](#).

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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 \$2.07 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 \$8.85 billion in sales, more than 95% of which went back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer

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