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Even With No Jackpot Winner in California, Public Schools in the Golden State Still Win Big

One Lucky CA Player Wins \$1.2 Million Powerball® Prize

SACRAMENTO – After 34 straight draws with no jackpot winner, one ticket sold in Michigan matched all six numbers Monday night to earn the grand prize of more than \$840 million. One lucky California Lottery player also won a sizeable prize of \$1,230,788 on a ticket sold in Baker (San Bernardino County) that matched the first five numbers correctly. That ticket was sold at the Country Store on Baker Boulevard. The winning numbers from the draw are 12, 21, 22, 44, 49, and 1.

The *Powerball* jackpot had been rolling since October when a single ticket sold in Kern County won a <u>\$1.7+ billion jackpot</u>. During that two-and-a-half-month period, California Lottery was able to raise an estimated **\$65 million for public schools** from *Powerball* sales alone.

"It doesn't matter ultimately where a jackpot-winning ticket is sold, we're still thrilled when the prize pot gets as high as this one did because that means more people want to play, and we can raise even more money for public education," said Carolyn Becker, California Lottery spokesperson. For every *Powerball* ticket sold in California, about 80 cents helps supplement funding for public schools. The amount raised for education isn't dependent on where a jackpot is hit.

There were more than 245,000 winning tickets sold in California in Monday night's *Powerball* draw across the eight prize levels other than the jackpot. The jackpot has now rolled back to its starting point of \$20 million for tomorrow night's draw.

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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 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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