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# ***Powerball® Jumps Up and California Schools Win***

## *The Return of a \$1 BILLION Prize Is Worth 40 Years of Play*

**SACRAMENTO** – It's been more than a year since players across the country had a chance to win a billion-dollar *Powerball* jackpot. This weekend, it's happening again. Tomorrow's *Powerball* will draw for an estimated \$1 billion!

If won this weekend, even at \$1 billion, this is still just the 6<sup>th</sup> largest *Powerball* ever and has, so far, only made it to number 13 on the top 20 list of historic *Powerball* and *Mega Millions*® prizes.

### ***Schools Win Every Jackpot***

The sole mission of the California Lottery is to raise extra funding for California public education. Lottery funding is distributed statewide to schools at all levels, from kindergarten to the California State and University of California systems.

"Big jackpot prizes are exciting to play, but they are especially exciting when it comes to our mission," explains Carolyn Becker, California Lottery spokesperson. "Every two-dollar *Powerball* ticket sold in California raises about 80 cents for public schools, which adds up to millions with billion-dollar jackpots! So, these high prizes generate a really rewarding boost for education."

So far, since the last time the jackpot was hit on May 31, the top prize has rolled over and grown 38 times. ***Powerball* sales from this sequence alone have contributed nearly \$64 million and counting for California public education.** While still a modest part of the overall education budget, schools use these funds to support [career technical education](#), [critical materials](#), [arts](#), [athletics](#) and more. [Since 1985, for 40 years](#), the California Lottery has raised over 46 billion dollars for public schools.

### ***This Saturday, and Every Day, Play Responsibly***

[The California Lottery is committed to player safety and responsible play.](#) Players are reminded to [play responsibly](#) and that help is available for



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anyone experiencing a gambling problem.

- [California Problem Gambling Helpline](#)  
1-800-GAMBLER (1-800-426-2537)
- Text "SUPPORT" to 53342 to get more information about problem gambling behavior. Normal text messaging rates apply.
- [Gambler's Anonymous, International Service Office](#)  
1-855-222-5542 (1-855-2-Call-GA)

*Powerball* draws take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7:59 p.m. PT.

*Powerball* draw entry closes at 7 p.m. on the day of each draw, so any ticket purchased after that would be eligible for the next drawing.

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The mission of the California Lottery is to raise additional funding for public education, helping to supplement school budgets for K-12 as well as colleges and universities. **The California Lottery has raised more than \$46 billion for public schools** through the responsible sale of its games since 1985. Lottery funding for schools is largely discretionary, so administrators and educators can use Lottery money for instructional programs and services they may not otherwise afford. The California Lottery features eight [draw games](#) and dozens of new instant [Scratchers](#) games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, [retailer commissions and bonuses](#), and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found [here](#). 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 intended for other purposes can ultimately 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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