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No Jackpot, but Plenty of Powerball® Joy

Lucky Bay Area Players Join California Public Schools for Big Wins

SACRAMENTO – The *Powerball* jackpot is once again reaching exciting heights, now estimated at \$875 million for the next draw – tonight, Monday, December 8. While no one has won the top prize since September, two California players are celebrating million-dollar wins from a previous *Powerball* draw in August. On August 30, 2025, with the jackpot then at an even \$1 billion, four tickets matched five numbers, 3, 18, 22, 27, and 33, missing only the *Powerball* number of 17.

D. West was holding on to one of those tickets and won \$1.165 million after purchasing his at a 7-Eleven, 1771 Clearlake Avenue in Milpitas. West says he discovered his win during an ordinary stop for breakfast on his way to work.

“My first reaction wasn’t excitement, it was shock,” West said. “I immediately started thinking, ‘Okay this real. How do we make sure we’re responsible?’”

He and his wife plan to use the prize to eliminate student loan debt and prioritize long-term financial stability. “Our student loans are gone. Our daughters have safe vehicles now. It brought a lot of peace to our family.”

As a longtime *Powerball* player, West says participating feels meaningful because of the Lottery’s support for public schools. “I’ve been playing since I turned 18. I keep playing because I know the money helps public schools,” he said. “It’s a win-win, someone gets lucky, and schools get support.”

Winning on the exact same day is **Jason Augliera**, claiming \$1.165 million from a ticket purchased at the Speedway station, 1616 Oak Park Blvd. in Pleasant Hill.

Schools Win Every Jackpot

The California Lottery’s sole mission is to raise supplemental 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.

Every two-dollar *Powerball* ticket sold in California raises about 80 cents



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for public schools. While a modest part of the overall education budget, schools use California Lottery 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.

Powerball draws take place Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 7:59 p.m. Pacific Time. *Powerball* tickets must be purchased prior to the draw entry closing at 7 p.m. Pacific Time on draw nights to be eligible for that evening's 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 \$48 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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