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No Jackpot, but Plenty of Powerball® Joy, for California

Two Lucky Tickets Join California Public Schools for Big Wins

SACRAMENTO – While it was players in two other states – Texas and Missouri – who hit the giant nearly \$2 billion *Powerball* jackpot Saturday night, Californians still have more than 135 million reasons to celebrate. Two lucky ticket holders will surely be celebrating the [California Lottery's 40th Anniversary](#) year as one of their best years as well when they check their tickets.

California Public Education Wins Big With Big Jackpots

Thanks to what wound up being the 2nd highest jackpot in U.S. history, the California Lottery was able to raise an **additional \$135+ million for public education** solely from *Powerball* sales in the three plus months the prize pot was growing. The mission of the California Lottery is to generate supplemental funding for schools, supporting myriad programs, including [arts](#), [athletics](#) and more. [For 40 years](#), the California Lottery has raised over 46 billion dollars to support and enrich California public education.

Two Lucky Tickets Hit Seven Figures

The California Lottery also made two more millionaires Saturday night with a couple of tickets matching the first five *Powerball* numbers correctly. Each one of the tickets is now worth more than \$1.56 million. One came from the Circle K at 7850 Amador Valley Blvd in Dublin. The other was sold at Love's Travel Stop in Tehachapi.

The Tehachapi community is no stranger to the California Lottery. Tehachapi High School's athletics program, and Friday night lights, gets [a big boost from California Lottery funding](#). The program is featured in a video campaign to help Californians understand the significance of the Lottery's mission and benefits to programs up and down the state.

"Giant jackpots like the one we were all watching these past few weeks help us to build excitement in California – not only around the possibility of winning millions or billions, but also the natural benefit they bring when more people play," said Carolyn Becker, California Lottery spokesperson. "Larger prize



pots attract more players, giving our sales a boost, and in turn – benefitting public education even more.”

For every \$2 *Powerball* ticket sold in California, approximately 80 cents goes right to schools. With this weekend’s big win, the *Powerball* jackpot starts over at \$20 million for Monday night. The *Mega Millions* jackpot is currently estimated at \$358 million, and *SuperLotto Plus* has a top prize right now of \$41 million.

Information about how all these games benefit public education can be found at <https://www.calottery.com/en/who-benefits>.

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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. California Lottery is also committed to promoting responsible gaming. Anyone who shows signs of a gambling problem, or knows someone who does, can get free, confidential help by calling the CA Problem Gambling Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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