California DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

California Department of Education
Official Letter

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Dear County Office of Education Chief Business Officials:

2025–26 Fourth Quarter Lottery Apportionment

The State Controller's Office (SCO) distributed the 2025–26 fourth quarter Lottery apportionment on September 30, 2026. The total apportioned to county offices of education, school districts, and charter schools is $364,330,024.03. Local educational agencies (LEAs) will receive $176,303,128.17 or $31.19 ($31.191491881) per unit of average daily attendance (ADA) for the unrestricted lottery apportionment and $188,026,895.86 or $33.27 ($33.265656867) per unit of ADA for the Proposition 20 lottery apportionment this quarter.

A final lottery revenue adjustment was included in the first quarter apportionment. The adjustment reflects additional 2024–25 lottery revenue that was available for distribution. Each year, the California State Lottery withholds a portion of its revenues until after the audit of its year-end financial statements. The additional revenue released for 2024–25 totaled $5,855,449.83. Of this amount, $0.39 ($0.390736326) per ADA is unrestricted lottery funding and $0.43 ($0.431289273) per ADA is Proposition 20 lottery funding.

To view a copy of the Master Register that lists the ADA, apportionment, adjustments, and net amount actually paid (Remittance Advice) to each county office, school district, charter school, and community college district on a quarterly and year-to-date basis, visit the SCO's web page at https://www.sco.ca.gov/ard_payments_lottery.html.

The California Department of Education requests that county superintendents of schools inform LEAs immediately of this apportionment. If you have any questions regarding the lottery apportionment, please contact the Categorical Allocations and Audit Resolution office by email at CAAR@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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