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Controller Westly Pays \$288 Million In Lottery Cash to California Schools

Sacramento, CA – State Controller Steve Westly today issued payments totaling \$288.6 million to school districts, educational institutions and State agencies from the Lottery Education Fund.

“At a time when we are facing budget cuts, Lottery proceeds are a critical source of income for our schools,” stated Westly. “These funds go a long way to help improve education for California’s students.”

Payments to K-12 schools and community colleges are made to the County Treasurer, who distributes money to school districts. Funds for the University of California and Hastings College of Law are sent directly to those institutions. The funds for the State departments are deposited directly in their accounts.

Under Proposition 20, passed by the voters in March 2000, a certain percentage of these funds must be used directly to purchase instructional materials. That amount is broken out in the chart below.

Payments from the funds are made quarterly based on Lottery income and unclaimed on-line prizes. This payment was for the quarter ending September 30, 2003.

The money will be distributed as follows:

	<i>Non Prop-20</i>	<i>Prop 20</i>
K-12	\$225,124,329	\$2,039,307
Community Colleges	39,940,983	450,378
California State University	12,416,685	
University of California	7,579,985	
Hastings College of the Law	39,528	
Dept. of Youth Authority	0	
Dept. of Education – State Special Schools	34,105	
Dept. of Developmental Services	796,780	
Dept. of Mental Health	180,621	
Total	\$286,113,016	\$2,489,685

Detailed quarterly payment data for fiscal year 2003-04 and annual summary data since fiscal year 1985-86 are available on the State Controller’s web site at www.sco.ca.gov/ard/payments/lottery/index.shtml