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Westly Pays Schools $315 Million in Lottery Funds

SACRAMENTO – State Controller Steve Westly today issued quarterly payments totaling $315.1 million to school districts, educational institutions and state agencies from the Lottery Education Fund.

"We're sending lottery money straight to where it's needed most – California's classrooms," Westly said.

Payments to K-12 schools and community colleges are made to county treasurers, who distribute 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.

The Controller's Office makes quarterly payments based on Lottery income and unclaimed on-line prizes. Proposition 20, which voters passed in March 2000, requires that a certain percentage of any increase in lottery funds over the base 1997-98 fiscal year be used to purchase instructional materials.

The money for the quarter ending March 31, 2005 will be distributed as follows:

	Non Prop-20	*Prop 20*
K-12	$221,578,507	$31,200,067
Community Colleges	38,338,815	5,092,110
California State University	11,090,570	
University of California	6,751,235	
Hastings College of the Law	42,167	
Dept. of Youth Authority	86,641	
Dept. of Education – State Special Schools	31,801	
Dept. of Developmental Services	604,078	
Dept. of Mental Health	316,903	
Total	$278,840,717	$36,292,177

Detailed quarterly payment data for fiscal year 2004-05 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

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