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# NEWS

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## **TEXAS LOTTERY<sup>®</sup> TRANSFERS \$983 MILLION TO FOUNDATION SCHOOL FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2008**

(AUSTIN) –The Texas Lottery<sup>®</sup> reported that transfers to the Foundation School Fund (FSF) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 were \$983 million from total sales of \$3.67 billion. Both numbers experienced a slight decline in FY 2008 after six consecutive years in which transfers grew and four consecutive years in which transfers exceeded \$1 billion.

For the year, instant tickets produced sales of \$2.78 billion. *Lotto Texas*<sup>®</sup> generated sales of \$204.6 million, and *Cash 5*<sup>®</sup> sales were at \$75.8 million, with *Texas Two Step*<sup>®</sup> posting sales of \$47.9 million. *Mega Millions*<sup>®</sup>, the multi-state jackpot game, brought in sales of \$174.5 million, and Texas' add-on feature, Megaplier<sup>®</sup>, added an additional \$41.4 million in sales.

The final tally for *Pick 3*<sup>™</sup> sales was \$286.4 million, while the new add-on feature, *Sum It Up*<sup>™</sup>, generated an additional \$6.5 million.

In September of last year, the Lottery launched *Daily 4*<sup>™</sup> also with the new add-on game feature, *Sum It Up*. Sales were \$42.2 million for the game and \$8.3 million for the *Sum It Up* feature.

The Foundation School Fund was not the only beneficiary of the Texas Lottery in the past year. Texas Lottery retailers received more than \$183 million in commissions, players won more than \$2.27 billion in prizes, and unclaimed prizes, which are transferred to the State General Revenue Fund, totaled \$54.2 million.

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