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Revenue

For the 2009-10 school year, the Polk County School District was not allocated any funds from the state, and therefore did not have an original budget for discretionary lottery revenues. Total lottery revenues have continued to decline each year, and have been reduced to zero as of this report. Due to budget constraints, the district was not able to replace the Discretionary allocation with local dollars and at this time it remains unfunded.

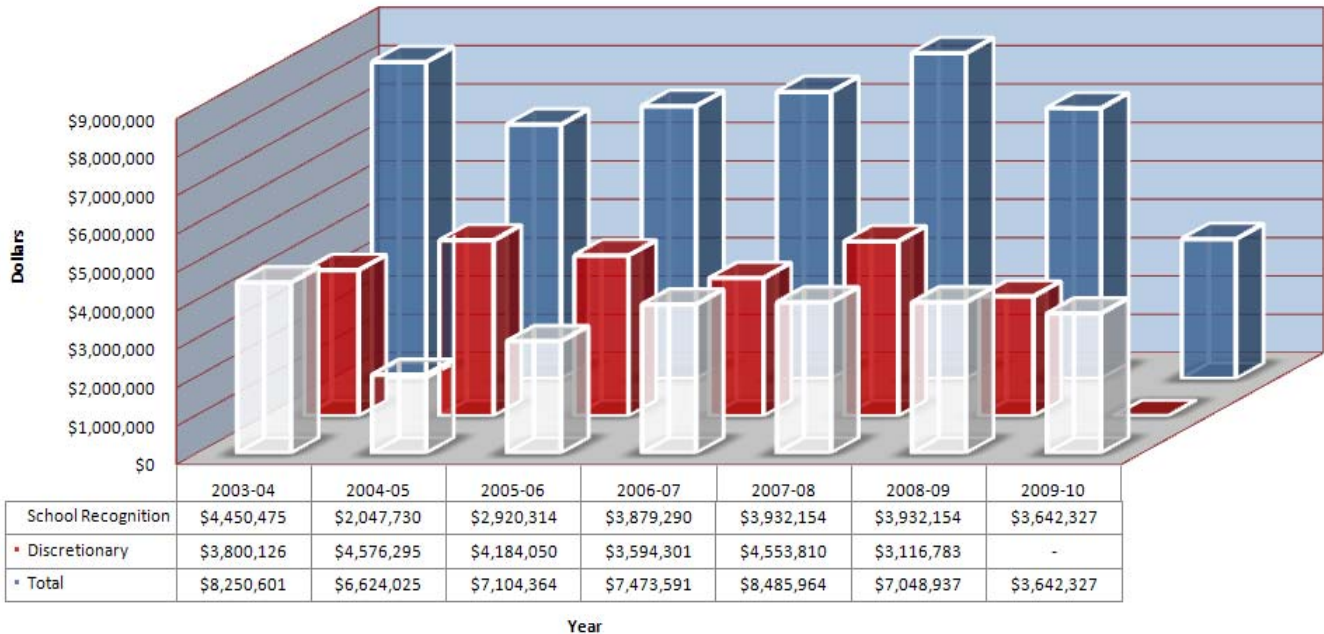
The original General Fund Operating Budget for 2009-10 was \$719,961,081.

Expenditures

Lottery funds are expended to (1) support the School Improvement and Accountability initiative, providing schools with an annual per student allocation to flexibly support local school improvement plans as directed by each school's SAC (School Advisory Committee), (2) continue support of programs previously funded by state categorical and other state revenue sources and (3) support general operating fund expenditures.

As of September 30, 2009, there were no discretionary lottery funds allocated on a per student basis to schools and their respective SACs. Discretionary lottery dollars, allocated within the General Operating Fund, are appropriated in accordance with the published District budget (a copy of which is available on this web site).

Historical Perspective of Lottery Funding for Polk County School District



Florida Lottery proceeds are distributed by the State as follows: 50% for prizes, 38% for education (including K-12 schools, community colleges, and universities), and 12% for lottery department administration.

Polk County's share of the Florida Lottery funds (made up of the two components) is normally received each year. **School Recognition Dollars** are required to be distributed to specific schools maintaining A+ grades under the Governor's A+ Program. In years past, **Discretionary Lottery Funds** were allocated to support the School Improvement and Accountability initiative, providing schools with an annual \$5 per student allocation, as well as providing continuing support to the general operating budget. Discretionary allocations are controlled and spent under the direction of each school's School Advisory Committee (SAC).

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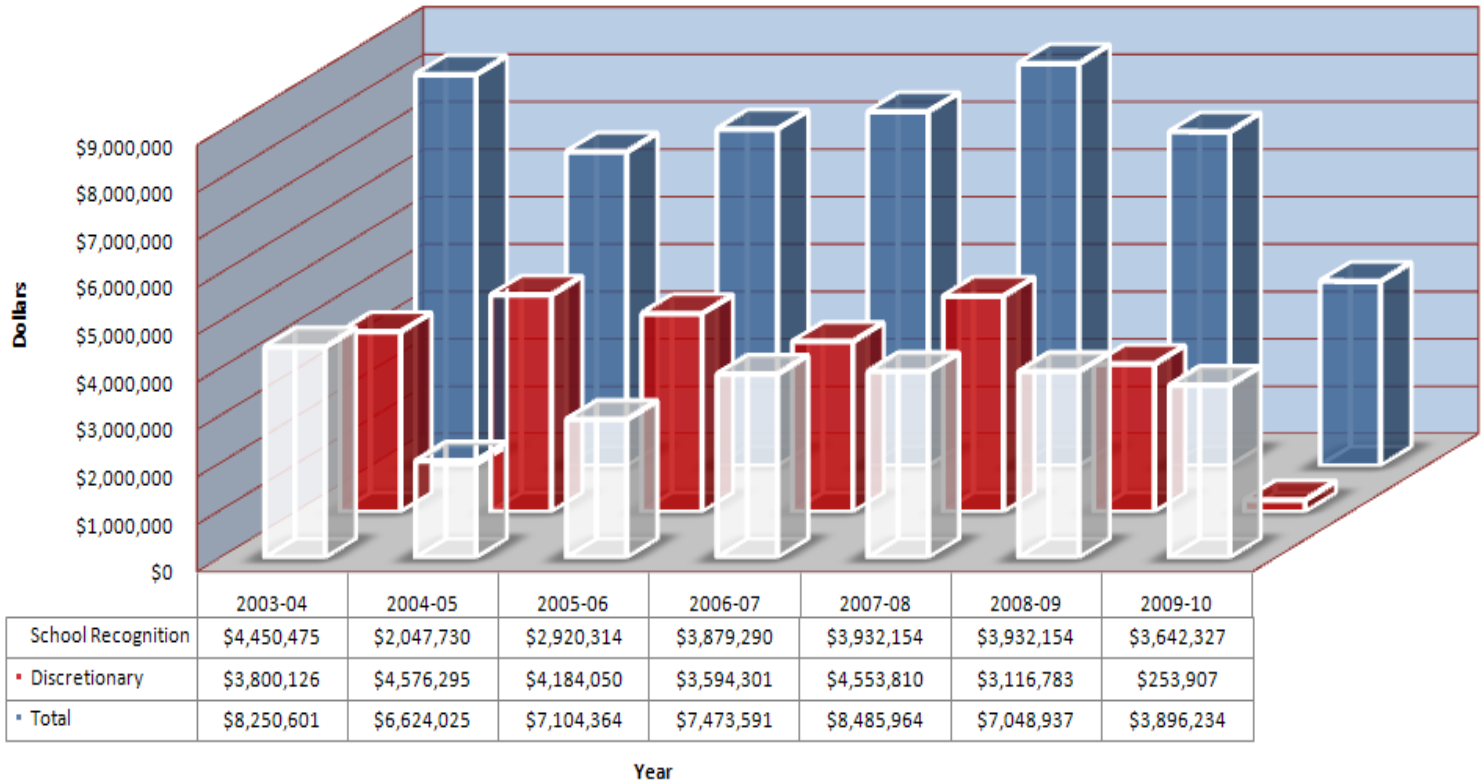
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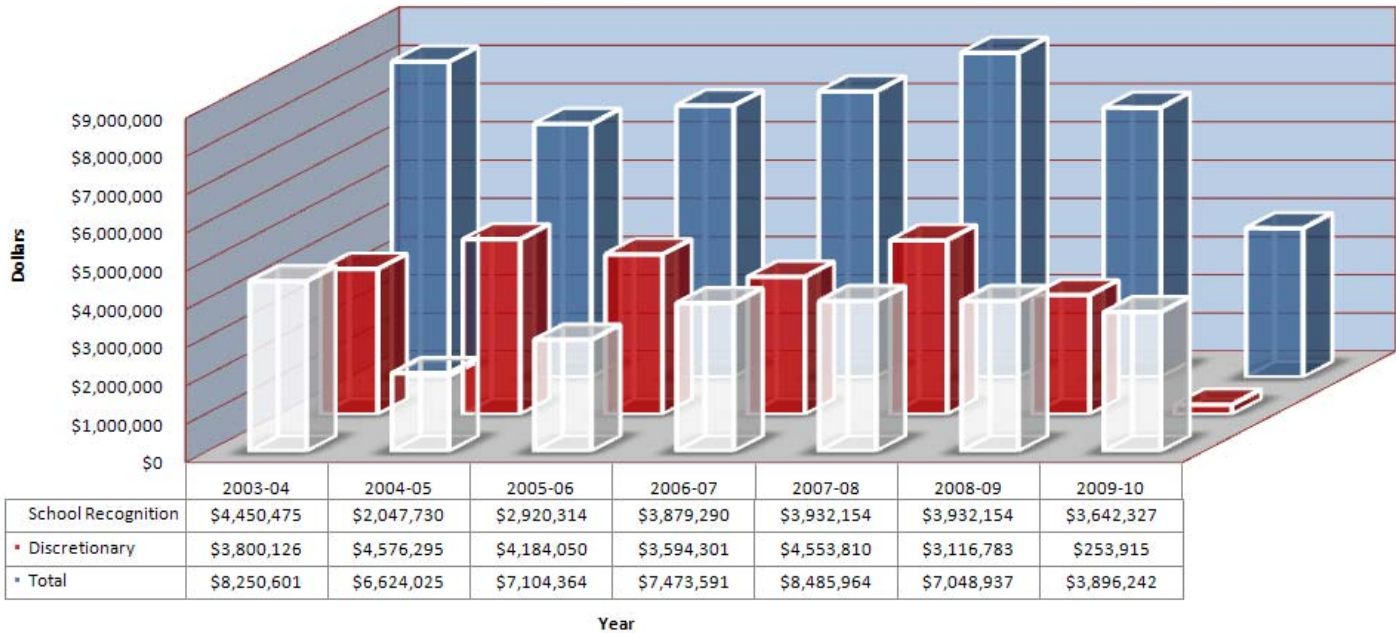
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As of March 31, 2010, schools and their respective SACs had spent or encumbered \$18,246 of lottery funds. Discretionary lottery dollars, allocated within the General Operating Fund, are appropriated in accordance with the published District budget (a copy of which is available on this web site). Unspent funds will be carried over to the next school year for their use.

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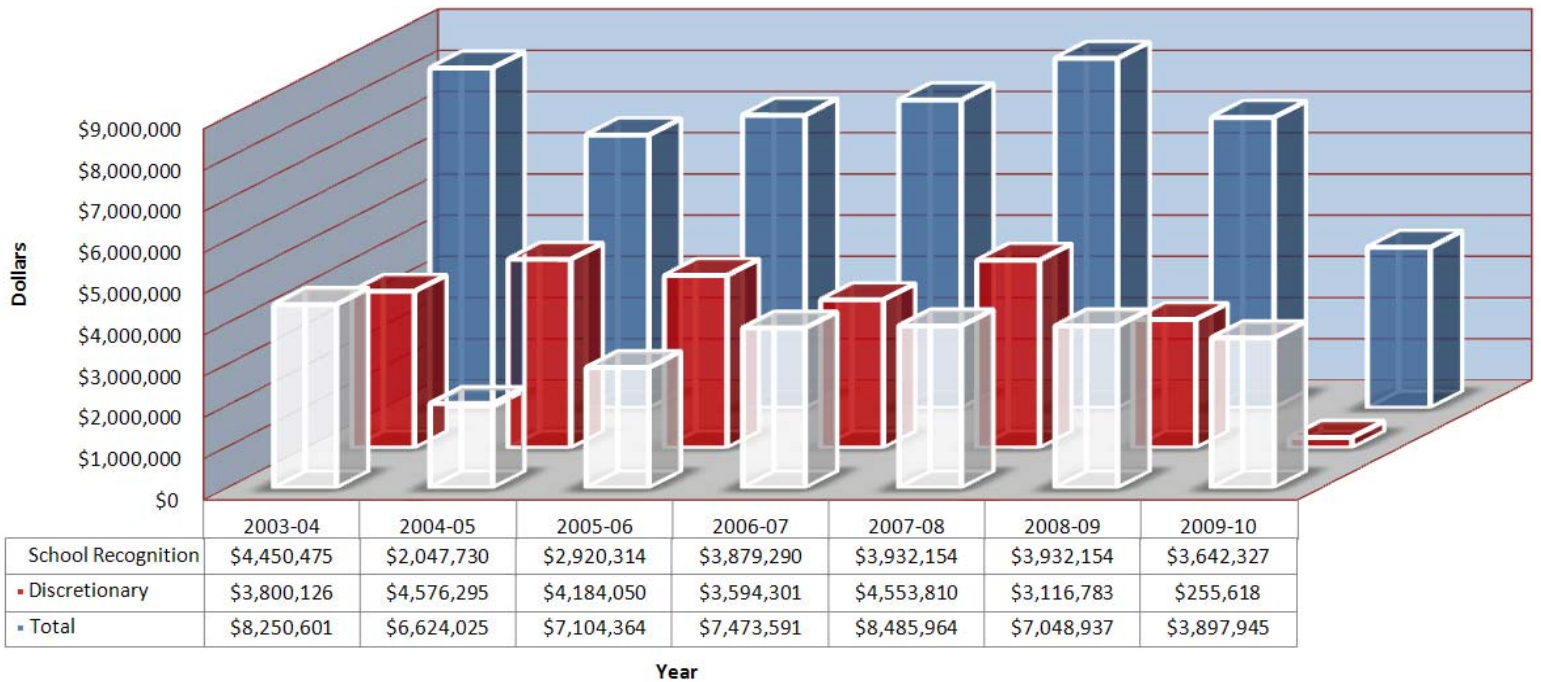
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As of June 30, 2010, schools and their respective SACs had spent or encumbered \$224,606.91 of lottery funds. Discretionary lottery dollars, allocated within the General Operating Fund, are appropriated in accordance with the published District budget (a copy of which is available on this web site). Unspent funds will be carried over to the next school year for their use.

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