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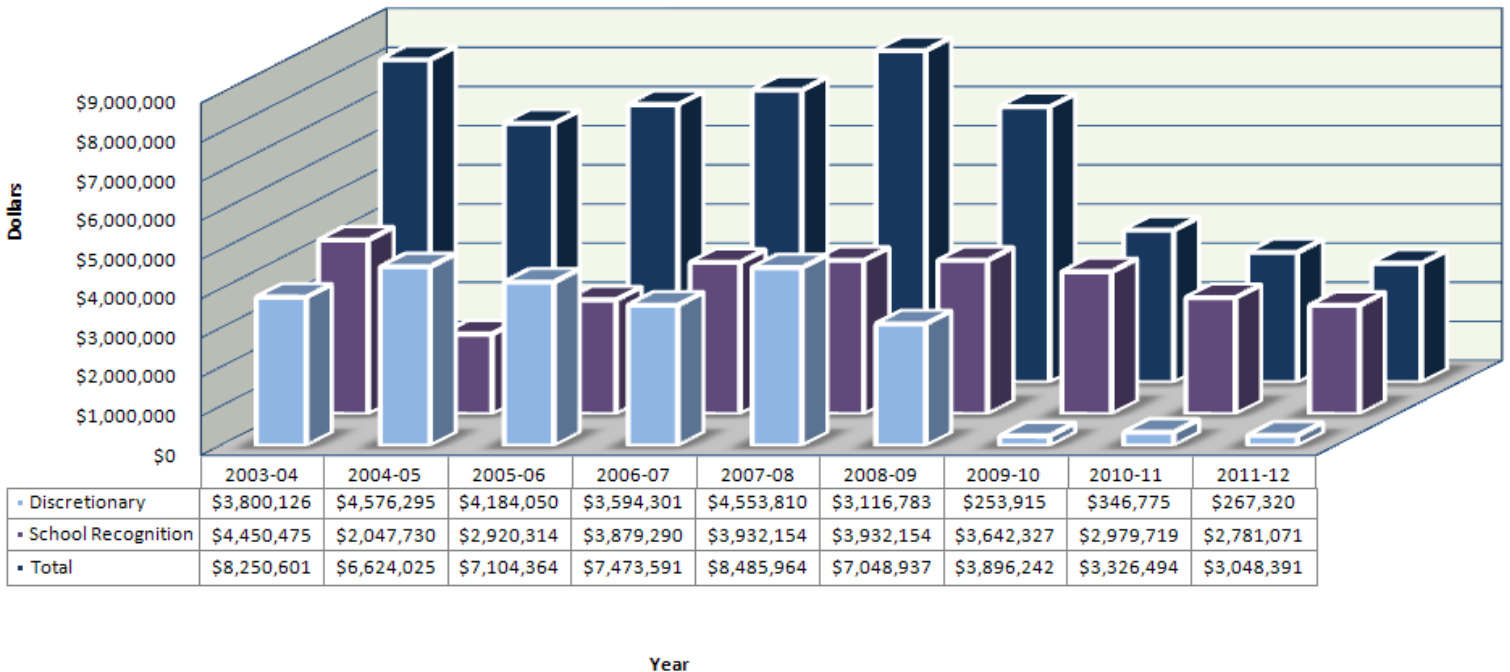
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### **Expenditures**

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, 2011, schools and their respective SACs had spent or encumbered \$15,226.19 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.

## 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 is made up of two components. **School Recognition Dollars** are distributed to specific schools maintaining an A+ grade under the Governor's A+ Program. **Discretionary Lottery Funds** are allocated to support the School Improvement and Accountability initiative and to provide continuing support to the general operating budget. Each school is given an allocation of less than \$5 per student. Discretionary allocations are controlled and spent under the direction of each school's School Advisory Committee (SAC).

As one can see from the table above, the amount of lottery funding that has been diverted to the School Recognition program is significant. Discretionary and total lottery revenues remain less than they were five years ago. Our total discretionary lottery dollars, if not partially restricted to SAC committee usage, would only operate our school district for less than two days, and represent less than one percent of our general operating budget.

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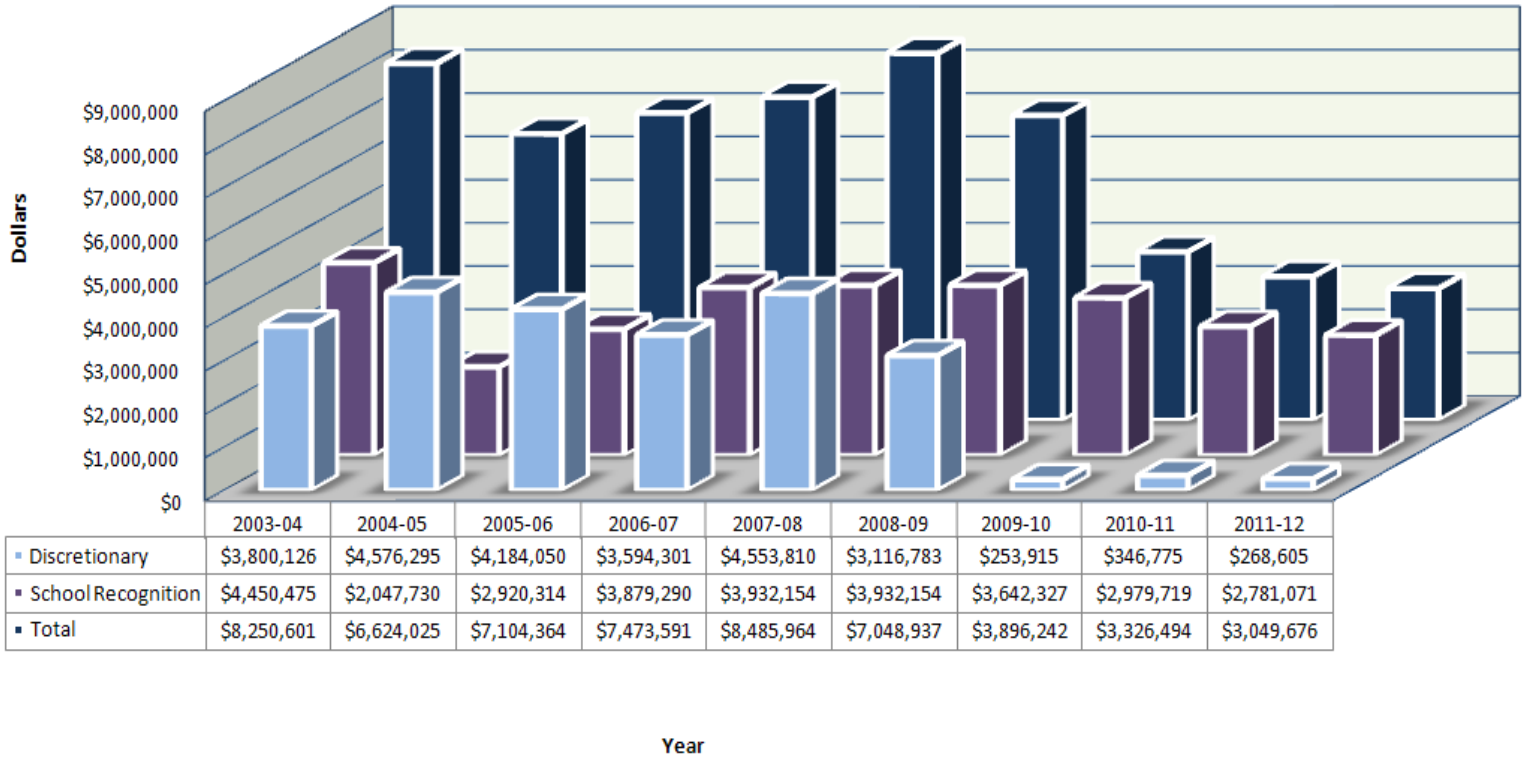
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As of December 31, 2011, schools and their respective SACs had spent or encumbered \$45,378.75 of lottery funds. Discretionary lottery dollars, allocated within the General Operating Fund, are appropriated in accordance with the published District 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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