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Statistics show Lottery funds 8% of education

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SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois State Lottery's profits will help finance elementary and secondary education, but they represent only 8 percent of state funding and eight percent of all funding, state officials said.

"We get a lot of questions from people who don't understand how this works," said Cathy Fiem, spokeswoman for the Illinois State Lottery. "We've put out a brochure on it and we'd love other agencies to let people know how this works."

Crises receipts have increased by more than \$100 million over the last five years, from a total of \$1.25 billion in the 1985 state fiscal year to the projected \$1.5 billion this coming fiscal year, according to background figures in the governor's proposed Illinois state budget.

PROFITS HAVE BEEN running at about 60 percent of receipts during those years, from \$362.5 million, or 41 percent, in 1985 to a projected \$461 million (38 percent) in 1988, the report stated.

The net receipts, or profits, are the total remaining after prizes have been awarded, commissions and bonuses given to retailers, and operating expenses, Fiem said. The agency's operating expenses include salaries, advertising and information, she said.

Profits are used to fund the state's common school fund, the state's public higher education system, and to support state lottery prizes.

Profits are also used to fund the state's general revenue fund, which supports state government operations, Fiem said.

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Sandburg announces 1st honors

Carl Sandburg high school has announced the names of students who received first honors for the first semester of the 1987-88 school year.

A student must attain a grade point average of 3.5 or above to be eligible for first honors.

First honors students are:

Adam, Andrew, Anthony, Brian, Christopher, Daniel, David, Gregory, James, Joseph, John, Jonathan, Keith, Matthew, Michael, Nicholas, Peter, Robert, Steven, Thomas, Timothy, William.

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Pilots group sets safety seminar

Southeast suburban chapter of the Illinois Pilots association will sponsor a safety seminar in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration.

The seminar, which will start with registration at 8 a.m.

Associated Air Activities, also a flight school and charter operation, will host the seminar. The seminar will be held at the Lanning Municipal Airport, 3215 S. Lanning, Chicago, Ill.

Lanning Municipal airport is located on Cleveland, Lanning road and Bureau Avenue. More information on the seminar is available from David Joseph at 366-1155 or Marshall Zander at 897-6102.

Invitation to tour at Morgan Park

Morgan Park academy can be toured by interested parents and students.

Parents of elementary school children can arrange visits any weekday between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. In addition to visiting academic classes, parents may visit art, music, computer, French or physical-education classes.

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