

Sen Todd Johnson Confirmed for GMID



Sen. Todd Johnson (R-Union/Cabarrus) will be a guest speaker at this year's Global Meetings Industry Day on

April 11. The annual gathering is hosted at the Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord.

"We are proud to kick off Global Meetings Industry Day with Senator Johnson and to celebrate the undeniable value that business meetings, trade shows, incentive travel, exhibitions, conferences and conventions bring to people, businesses and communities," said NCTIA Executive Director Vince Chelena.

Sen. Johnson will be joined onstage in the Noon hour by NCTIA lobbyist Brian Lewis for an engaging session about politics and the effects it has on our meetings industry.

The NCTIA sponsored session will be followed by other sessions, including *Airlines and the Economic Impact of Group Travel*; *AI Revolution: Elevating Events with Smart Strategies for Planners and Suppliers*; and a *Planner and Supplier Panel*.

For more information on GMID, [visit this website](#).

Parents/Business Owners Sue Carteret Schools



Parents and business owners in Carteret County filed a lawsuit in Superior Court on Thursday objecting to the Carteret County School Board for violating the school calendar law.

[Click here to read the lawsuit.](#)

The lawsuit was filed by Frances Spencer and Mickey Marsh of Marsh's Surf Shop, John and Charles Morrow of Atlantic Beach Surf Shop, and Jeffrey Garner of

Sanitary Fish Market & Restaurant, Inc.

Spencer, Marsh, and the Morrows have children attending Carteret County Public Schools in addition to being well regarded business owners in the community.

The Carteret County School Board voted on December 5, 2023 to adopt an illegal school calendar for the 2024-2025 academic year by scheduling the first day of instruction for August 13, 2024. This decision defies North Carolina's summer calendar law prohibiting school from starting prior to August 26, 2024.



The plaintiffs contend in the lawsuit that "the Board adopted this invalid calendar in intentional violation of the law and in violation of their oath office to uphold the laws of this State."

The lawsuit is asking for the Court to block the illegal school calendar, and to award the plaintiffs' attorneys fees.

"We are very pleased to see this lawsuit filed and we appreciate that these parents and business owners are standing up for their children, businesses, and their customers," said NCTIA Executive Director Vince Chelena. "These are North Carolinians who are trying to make an honest living, and to have an elected school board brazenly break the law and threaten their livelihood is wrong."

