



# NC TRAVEL NEWS

A weekly newsletter on North Carolina General Assembly news relevant to the North Carolina tourism industry

## School Districts

### Break Calendar Law

*The article below was excerpted from an WFAE story published on August 11.*

North Carolina's calendar law requires most districts to wait until the Monday closest to Aug. 26. This year that's August 29.

Three counties (Gaston, Cleveland, and Rutherford) just west of Charlotte have decided not to follow the law.

The General Assembly passed the law in 2004, driven by requests from the tourism industry, teachers, and parents.

It's been unpopular with local districts ever since, including the North Carolina School Boards Association.

Vince Chelena, executive director of the NC Travel Industry Association, describes the school calendar law as a tool for protecting summer vacations, as well as the people whose livelihoods depend on summer trips to beaches, mountains and other attractions. Those people include students and teachers who rely on travel and tourism for summer jobs, he said.

*Click [hear to the read and hear the entire story published by WFAE](#). NCTIA continues to monitor this development.*

## 2022 Hospitality Olympics a Success

The thrill of victory and agony of defeat was on full display last week at the Charlotte Convention Center as the 2022 Games of the Hospitality Olympics took place.

The event on August 11 was sponsored by the Charlotte Area Hotel Association, NCTIA, and the Tourism Education Foundation of North Carolina.

Employee teams representative of hotels in Charlotte competed in events such as *Bed Making*, *Electric Cord Untangle*, a *Mop Race* and a *Taste Test*.

The ultimate goal is to win the coveted Golden Toilet Brush and, of course, bragging rights for the year leading up to next year's contest.



"This is a celebratory event and is intended to shine a light on the the important employees our industry relies on to run successful hotels," said NCTIA Executive Director Vince Chelena. "It also gives these employees an opportunity to showcase impressive skills and creativity."

Click here to check out the online photos of the [2022 Games of the Hospitality Olympics](#).

