



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

General Assembly Starts Session

The NC General Assembly gavelled in the 2023-2024 legislative biennium on Wednesday.

Legislators are recessed for two weeks and will return to Raleigh on January 25 to get to work in earnest.

NCTIA will preview the 2023 legislative session in next week's newsletter, and include the organization's legislative agenda.

Silent Auction Set for March 6-8

The Tourism Education Foundation of NC will hold its annual [Silent Auction](#) at the [Visit NC Tourism Conference](#) being held March 6-8, 2023 in Asheville, NC.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the [Foundation's Silent Auction](#).

The Tourism Education Foundation of North Carolina is a non-profit corporation established by the NC Travel Industry Association.

The auctions proceeds will be designated towards academic scholarships and continuing education programs for North Carolina's tourism industry professionals and students.

Union County School Board Sued

Last month, we introduced readers to Dominique Morrison, a parent of two children in Union County Public Schools and a small business owner of Honeysuckle Riding Academy in Monroe.

Morrison and NCTIA Executive Director Vince Chelena have been in regular communication since the Union County School Board voted in December to approve an illegal school calendar that is opposed by many parents, teachers, and small business owners in the suburban county of Charlotte.

On Monday, Morrison and attorney Mitch Armbruster filed a [lawsuit against Union County's school board members](#). They are asking a judge to declare that the Union County school calendar for 2023-24 is invalid and not enforceable.

Morrison's lawsuit explains that she owns Honeysuckle Riding Academy in Monroe and she stands to lose significant revenue if the illegal calendar goes into effect.

Chelena reports Morrison is determined to protect her small business and hold the Union County School Board accountable for their illegal action.

A sample of media coverage of Morrison v Union Co Board of Education: [WCNC](#); [Charlotte Observer](#); [WSOC-9](#); [Spectrum News](#); [WCCB](#)

NCTIA is working within a coalition to support Morrison and all parents who are concerned about the summer calendar law being broken by local school districts.

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