

## **SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT**

Complainant alleges that the Superintendent of Public Instruction inappropriately shut down the Department of Public Instruction website ([www.ncpublicschools.org](http://www.ncpublicschools.org)) during Hurricane Florence and directed individuals to a private website ([www.ncsuperintendent.com](http://www.ncsuperintendent.com)) for political purposes.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The News and Observer published a report on this complaint on September 24, 2018.

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**John Lowthorpe**

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**From:** Brad Young  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 8:55 AM  
**To:** John Lowthorpe  
**Cc:** Tim Hoegemeyer  
**Subject:** FW: Hotline report  
**Attachments:** Screenshot\_20180910-083344\_Chrome.jpg; Screenshot\_20180910-082901\_Chrome.jpg

John,

I got three emails from the same person regarding this tip. I will forward the others in the next few minutes.

Let me know if you need anything else from me on the matter.

Brad

**From:**   
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2018 5:26 PM  
**To:** Brad Young <Brad\_Young@ncauditor.net>  
**Subject:** Hotline report

Mark Johnson has shut down DPI's website in lieu of a personal looking campaign site. I just checked a few sites and websites for the Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor are fully functional. Even the General Assembly's site is serving the citizens of NC during hurricane. This new site was originally a godaddy site owned by one his DPI employees that also has a LLC called Polisocial.

This needs to be investigated. I am very angry. I have been a state employee, but foremost, I am generously tax-paying citizen.

<https://www.ncsuperintendent.com/outage>

SEARCH DOMAINS

My domains

Transfer in

Billing

Send feedback

<http://www.icann.org/epp#CLIENTDE>

Registrant Organization:

PoliSocial LLC

Registrant State/Province: North  
Carolina

Registrant Country: US

Registrant Email: Select Contact

Domain Holder link at

[https://www.godaddy.com/whois/res  
domain=ncsuperintendent.com](https://www.godaddy.com/whois/resdomain=ncsuperintendent.com)

Admin Email: Select Contact

Domain Holder link at

[https://www.godaddy.com/whois/res  
domain=ncsuperintendent.com](https://www.godaddy.com/whois/resdomain=ncsuperintendent.com)

Tech Email: Select Contact

Domain Holder link at

[https://www.godaddy.com/whois/res  
domain=ncsuperintendent.com](https://www.godaddy.com/whois/resdomain=ncsuperintendent.com)

Name Server: NS6.WIXDNS.NET

Name Server: NS7.WIXDNS.NET

DNSSEC: unsigned

URL of the ICANN WHOIS Data

Problem Reporting System:

<http://wdprs.internic.net/>

>>> Last update of WHOIS

Updated Date: 2018-07-02T13:45:51Z

Creation Date: 2018-07-02T13:45:50Z

Registrar Registration Expiration Date:  
2019-07-02T13:45:50Z

Registrar: GoDaddy.com, LLC

Registrar IANA ID: 146

Registrar Abuse Contact Email:  
abuse@godaddy.com

Registrar Abuse Contact Phone:  
+1.4806242505

Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited  
<http://www.icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited>

Domain Status: clientUpdateProhibited  
<http://www.icann.org/epp#clientUpdateProhibited>

Domain Status: clientRenewProhibited  
<http://www.icann.org/epp#clientRenewProhibited>

Domain Status: clientDeleteProhibited  
<http://www.icann.org/epp#clientDeleteProhibited>

Registry Registrant ID: Not Available

## Steve Bass

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**From:** John Lowthorpe  
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 3:37 PM  
**To:** Steve Bass  
**Subject:** FW: Hotline tip -- attachment (see previous email)  
**Attachments:** Screenshot\_20180916-072049\_Facebook.jpg

John  
919-807-7606  
919-270-6770 (cell)


**From:** Brad Young  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 8:55 AM  
**To:** John Lowthorpe <John\_Lowthorpe@ncauditor.net>  
**Cc:** Tim Hoegemeyer <Tim\_Hoegemeyer@ncauditor.net>  
**Subject:** FW: Hotline tip -- attachment (see previous email)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 16, 2018 8:38 AM  
**To:** Brad Young <Brad\_Young@ncauditor.net>  
**Subject:** Hotline tip -- attachment (see previous email)

Mark Johnson has hijacked the state agency for his political benefit, that is abusing state resources and denying citizens' rights to legitimate resources.



**NC Superintendent Mark Johnson** ...  
shared a **post**.

Sep 13 at 3:24pm • 



**NC Public Schools**

Sep 13 at 12:51pm • 

Due to the potential impact of Hurricane Florence, we will be following the guidance of the N.C. Department of Information Technology and shutting down the server that hosts [ncpublicschools.org](http://ncpublicschools.org) at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13.

We apologize for any inconvenience. When [ncpublicschools.org](http://ncpublicschools.org) is down, you may visit [www.NCsuperintendent.com](http://www.NCsuperintendent.com) or [stateboard.ncpublicschools.gov](http://stateboard.ncpublicschools.gov) for information. (EDDIE, the Educational Directory and Demographical Exchange, should also be available at