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Restorative Justice work is becoming a crucial aspect of the school district of which my children are a part. I have seen circles play an important role in building classroom cohesion and address the roots of behavioral challenges. I am observing more administrators becoming invested, and teachers building skills and confidence. Additionally, I am witnessing a shift in the Jackson County Community Justice system, integrating restorative practices and approach many departmental programs in partnership with Resolve Center for Dispute Resolution and Restorative Justice. Partnerships have emerged with the District Attorney for a pre-charge diversion program, Livability Team with a forming deflection program, Juvenile Justice department with a restorative justice program for youth and families, as well as reentry courses and programming with several local non-profits, which include Golden Rule Reentry.