

# SCHOOL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

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5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT



# Brief Background



# Charge to the Director



# Charge to Me



# THE PROJECT

- Started before enacted in law
- New Hanover, Wake, Mecklenburg, Brunswick, Orange already have agreements.
- 8<sup>th</sup> District Pilot Project: Wayne, Lenoir, and Green
  - Why was this important?
- Early stages with Pitt, Halifax, and Onslow, conversations with numerous counties



# THE PROJECT

- Legislation enacted
- Chief District Court Judge Leadership Training at the UNC School of Government
  - Provide background on the work
  - Prepare them to convene
  - Help them to find a connection to the work
  - Introduce a process for doing the work
  - Two full days



# THE PROJECT

- Presentation at the Conference of Elected District Attorneys
- Presentation at the Fall Conference of District Court Judges
- Earlier presentations at Juvenile Justice and Court Manager events
- And calls almost every Friday afternoon to the Director



# THE PROJECT TAKES SHAPE

- I now have a team working with me:
  - LaToya Powell, AOC
  - Barbara Moore, AOC
  - Mildred Spearman, AOC
  - McKinley Wooten, AOC
  - Jessie Smith, SOG
  - Technology support from AOC
  - Administrative support from AOC





# THE PROJECT TAKES SHAPE

- Current planning:
  - Develop a comprehensive toolkit for start to finish implementation of a school-justice partnership agreement
    - Step by step guide
    - Tools, such as model agreements, graduated responses
    - Frequently asked questions (with answers)
    - Summaries of research on the topic
    - Sample timelines
    - Sample meeting agendas
    - Sample presentations including training
    - Contacts for administrative and expert support
    - Target timeline for completion: March 1 (we hope!)



# THE PROJECT TAKES SHAPE

- Current planning (cont'd)
  - Website developed through AOC
  - Video resources
  - Facilitator training (why?)
  - Then we'll go forth: a number of districts are ready to go once the toolkit is finished
    - Start with Districts that have already expressed interest
    - Support from the Chief Justice and Director





THANK YOU

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