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The Whole Child Initiative—I was initially one of the first folks trained in that initiative when it was put forth and have utilized that ever since. We were looking at developing a vision and mission for the district and wanted to base it in the whole child tenets. So, we used that as a foundation to bring over 100 community members together from a wide variety of stakeholders and built a vision and mission that included that.

I've been attending the LILA conference for about the past six to seven years. That institute just really helped me to realize, as a professional, that your voice does count. We've met with, as a follow-up, our representatives in their offices or in various towns and brought in others to have the conversation. I think, as a result of that, it's become a partnership. They hear us, and we hear them and try to support them.