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Close Long Creek now. Science tells us that impulse control is a late part of brain development. SHAME on US for ignoring basic biology, and failing kids SOOO badly, that we cage them as kids until we can cage them as adults. Our biased, disparate, politically overzealous system even tries them as adults, or threatens to do so, to get a plea.

I hope this Legislature makes some enlightened progress. Policing must be tempered with social support teams.

I expect our elected officials to use the Federal covid \$\$ coming to schools and every level of govt nationwide, for partnerships and support. Workers, mentors & teams to reimagine & restore families, homes & neighborhoods. To stop funding the failed criminal Injustice system, and to stop adding new crimes to a system that already has TOO MANY reasons to cage people. Recently in NY, 2 cops bought a homeless shoplifter the socks he was trying to steal. Kudos for those cops. And SHAME on US, for accepting that kind act, as enough!