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Burnett described watching a judge reduce a bond for a first-time offender who had no way to get out of jail.

"There is a human element," Burnett said.

The partnership between the school and court began about 18 months ago. Lampros brought a class for a one-day field trip, she said.

Soon after, Matt Murphy, the court's public information officer, arranged for several judges to visit the school, at 5140 Riverview Boulevard, to talk with students for the day.

Given the academy's aims, "it makes sense to me that the court should be partnering with them to give them the best experience that we can," Murphy said.

A long-term commitment now exists.

"It's a great opportunity for the kids to learn about the inner workings of the court system," Lampros said. "It's a real tribute to Matt Murphy and the judges willing to share their time with us."